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STATE INSTITUTION FOR FEEBLE-MINDED OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

FIRST
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

State Institution for Feeble-Minded

—OF—

Western Pennsylvania.



POLK, VENANGO COUNTY.

1897.

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SCHOOL ROOM—HIGH GRADE.

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Mr. C. S. Bridenbaugh.	



SLOYD ROOM.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

To His Excellency, Daniel H. Hastings, Governor of Pennsylvania, the Senate and House of Representatives and the Board of Public Charities:

The Board of Trustees of the State Institution for Feeble Minded of Western Pennsylvania respectfully present their first report for the period ending September 30th, 1897.

On January 22d, 1897, the State Institution for Feeble Minded of Western Pennsylvania was transferred from the Building Commission to the Board of Trustees. The institution as transferred consists of a tract of 870 acres of land situated at Polk, Venango county, six miles from Franklin, on the Franklin branch of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad. It is 1,132 feet above sea level, admirably situated for drainage and a very large portion of the land is well adapted for farm purposes; a supply of pure water is brought by gravity from the mountain springs, two miles distant, at an elevation of 196 feet above the buildings; the protection of the supply being secured by the purchase of a separate tract of land in a state of nature and the right of way for a pipe line from this tract to the buildings.

The buildings constructed, plans of which are herewith submitted, consist of an administration building, two educational school buildings, each containing nine school rooms, one industrial school building, containing a shoe shop, a tailor shop, mattress, hammock and mat making shops and sloyd room; a building providing living quarters for the teachers, a gymnasium known as Kerlin Hall, two dining room buildings, kitchen and bakery building, cold storage building, power house, laundry, work shop, two buildings for the storage of clothing, sixteen cottages for the accommodation of the inmates, one horse and one cow barn. The principal buildings are so connected by covered corridors that access from one to another may be had without going out of doors;

the buildings are heated by steam from one common plant, and are lighted by electricity.

The gymnasium, known as Kerlin Hall, while constructed for gymnasium purposes exclusively, is being used for the morning school exercises, singing class, religious services and all the varied purposes of a congregate hall. It is entirely inadequate for the needs of an institution of this size and should be supplemented by the chapel, as called for by the original plans.

Upon the Board of Trustees assuming control, the buildings were at once insured, fires placed under the boilers, and the buildings cleaned and equipped with the necessary apparatus and furniture. Applications for admission to the institution were many and urgent, and every effort was put forth to arrange for the reception of inmates at as early a day as possible. Upon the 21st of April, the institution was in readiness for occupancy, and upon that day 153 children were received; this number being transferred from the Pennsylvania Training School for Feeble-Minded Children, at Elwyn, Pa.

During the summer, much work has been accomplished in improving the grounds, bringing the farm up to a higher state of cultivation, the planting of fruit trees and small fruits and the construction of a dam across Hibb's Creek. This dam was made from earth necessarily removed in grading around the buildings, and serves the purpose of making an approach of easy grade to the barns and orchards, as well as to hold back a sufficient body of water to furnish a full supply of ice for the institution.

Within the buildings much has been done in fitting up work shops for the various industrial classes, and the adapting of cottages for the special wants of the various classes of inmates who have been admitted to the institution. This adaption, we have, however, been unable to do in a satisfactory manner.

The need of custodial and hospital departments is already urgently felt and it is to be hoped these will soon be furnished, as most admirably planned by the Building Commission, but which they were unfortunately unable to construct. In institutions for the care of the feeble minded there should be two departments: an educational and a custodial department. In



KINDERGARTEN ROOM.

the educational department, such children should be cared for as are capable of receiving instruction and being improved. In the custodial department, the lower grades of idiots and epileptics, such as are helpless, paralytic, incapable of standing alone, or of making known the simplest wants of nature, should be cared for. All that can be done for this class is to care for them and to make them as comfortable as possible as long as they live.

The Act creating this institution contemplated the care of all classes, and the Building Commission prepared plans for both the educational and the custodial buildings; they first proceeded with the building of the educational department, and expected to proceed with the building of the custodial department in 1895, when, on account of the financial condition, the bill providing for this purpose did not become a law, as no money was appropriated at that session for buildings, the construction of which was not actually under way.

The Trustees, recognizing the fact that they would be called upon to care for the lower classes of the feeble minded, consulted with the State Board of Public Charities in regard to the advisability of applying to the 1897 session of the Legislature for an appropriation for the construction of a custodial department, but, as the Board of Public Charities advised against such action at this time, the appropriation was not asked for.

The construction of the educational and the custodial departments must be of a very different character; and the care of the custodial class of children in the buildings now constructed is accomplished at great inconvenience and expense. As at present constructed and equipped this institution is particularly suitable for the care and training of feeble-minded children, who, on account of their mental condition, are deprived of the benefits of the public schools of the State, but who are capable of receiving instruction by special means.

There being two institutions within the State for the care of the feeble minded, it seemed advisable that a line of demarkation be drawn, dividing the State into an Eastern and a Western District. After consultation with the Governor and the State Board of Charities, the line dividing the penitentiary

districts was decided upon as the proper one to adopt. A rule was then established that no inmate would be received here from the Eastern District, unless application had first been made to the Pennsylvania Training School for Feeble-Minded Children, at Elwyn, and had been refused admission there on account of insufficient accommodation in that institution.

The counties from which application should be made direct to this institution are Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Cameron, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Fulton, Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana, Juniata, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Mifflin, Potter, Venango, Warren and Westmoreland.

It is with regret that we record the resignation from our Board of Messrs. Norman Hall, C. Heydrick and George W. Haskins.

The Trustees, during the work of organization, held meetings almost weekly, and since the opening of the institution have held meetings upon the second Wednesday of every month.

Notwithstanding the time taken, on viewing the results obtained, as evidenced in the order and discipline of the institution, the happy and contented countenances of the children cared for and the improvement noticeable in their condition since entering the institution, we feel amply repaid.

We herewith submit the report of the Superintendent, which shows more in detail the operations of the institution.

We desire to commend Dr. Murdoch and his able assistants for their diligence and energy in starting this institution so well on its way to what seems to us must be a very successful future.

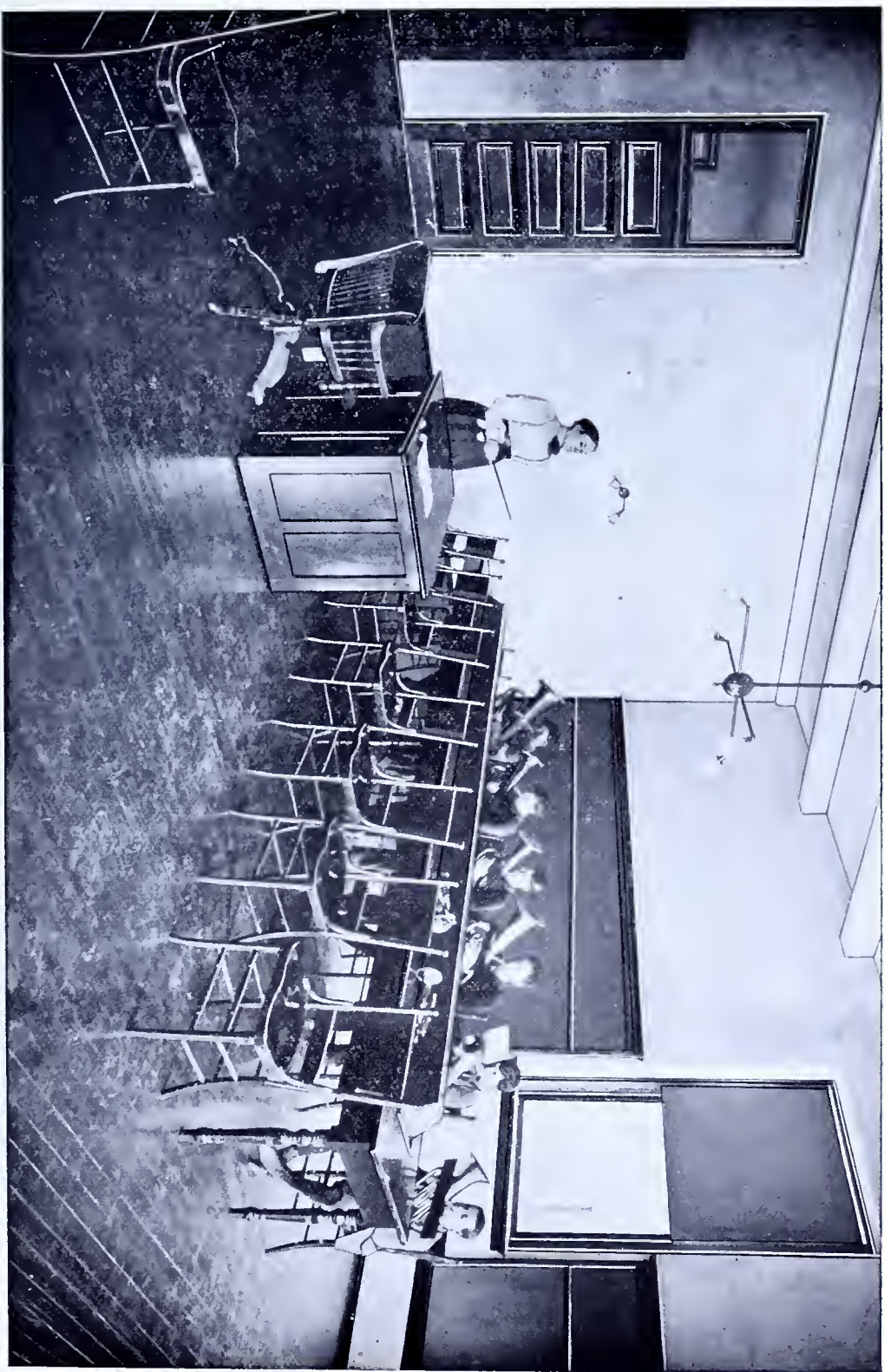
Respectfully submitted,

S. M. JACKSON,

President.

JOHN A. WILEY,

Secretary.



BAND PRACTICE ROOM.

REPORT OF TREASURER

For the Period Ending September 30th, 1897.

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

From the Commonwealth	\$ 3,520 01
From Poor District for Clothing.....	496 33
From Individuals for Board and Clothing	666 41
From Loans	2,054 84
From Farm, Sale of Calves.....	5 00
From Sale of Old Material.....	22 60
	<hr/> \$ 6,765 19

EXPENDITURES.

Warrants Paid During the Period.....	\$ 6,453 34
Cash with Superintendent	311 85
	<hr/> \$ 6,765 19

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Received from the Commonwealth.....	\$56,796 36
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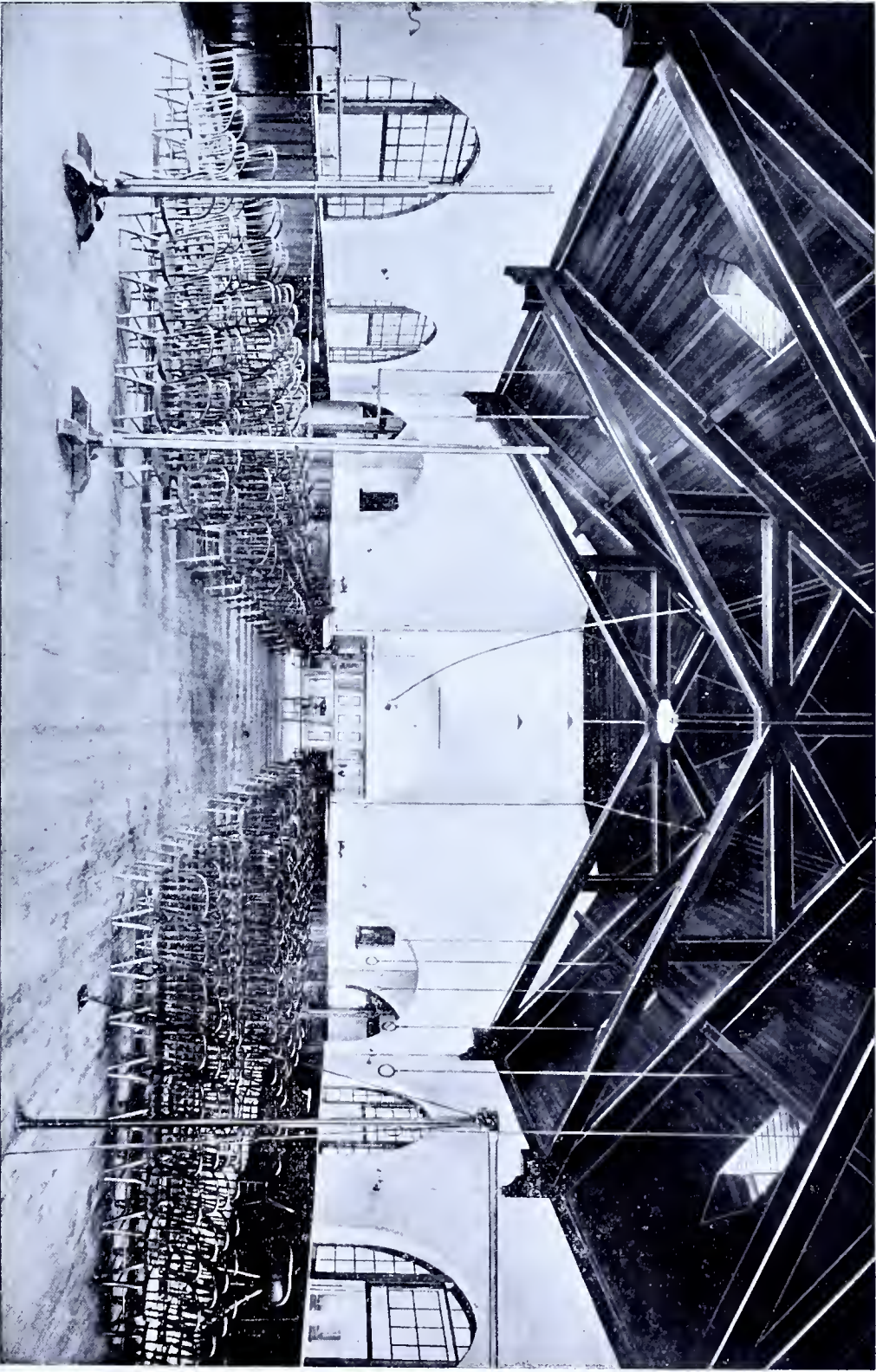
EXPENDITURES WERE FOR

Furnishing and Equipping and Insuring.	\$35,000 00
Furnishing and Equipping Barns, Purchasing Horses	2,644 07
Equipping Cold Storage Buildings.....	244 46
Furnishing Educational School Buildings	775 00
Furnishing Industrial School Building..	597 11
Fixtures for Boiler Engine Room and Machine Shop	345 35
Grading, Building Walks, Drives, Etc...	100 00

Pig Pens, Henneries, Purchase of Pigs, Etc.	130 00
Fire Apparatus Attachments, Hose, Reels, Etc.	999 10
Clocks, Telephones, Time Detector and Electric	1,495 10
Office Fixtures, Surgical Instruments, Gymnasium Fixtures, Rubber Mat- ting, Pianos, etc.	6,441 10
Expense of Removal of Children from El- wyn and Maintenance in Addition to the Per Capita Appropriation.....	8,025 07
	<hr/> \$56,796 36

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. ECHOLS,
Treasurer.



KERLIN HALL.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the President and the Board of Trustees of the State Institution for Feeble Minded of Western Pennsylvania:

Gentlemen—The following is respectfully submitted as a report of the operations of the institution from its opening to the close of the first fiscal year ending September 30th, 1897:

The first feeble-minded persons to enter the institution were received on April 21st, 1897, on which day there were admitted 153 children, transferred from the Pennsylvania Training School for Feeble-Minded Children, at Elwyn, Pa. There have since been received 200 children; two have been discharged and two have died, leaving in the institution on September 30th, 1897, 349 children. The total capacity of the buildings erected is 600.

The following table shows the ages of the 353 inmates cared for:

Age on Admission.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 5 years	3	4	7
From 5 to 8 years.....	17	11	28
From 8 to 12 years.....	42	30	72
From 12 to 15 years.....	44	20	64
From 15 to 21 years.....	58	41	99
21 years and over.....	39	44	83
Totals	203	150	353

Since the opening of the institution the general health of the children has been excellent, giving evidence of the healthfulness of our climate. The two children reported as discharged were both children whose mental condition had so greatly improved that their parents considered further institution care and training unnecessary. But two deaths have

occurred, both caused by epilepsy. During the summer months the children have lived largely out of doors in the groves, and, accompanied by their teachers and attendants, have taken frequent excursions into the surrounding woods.

The schools, though but recently organized, have already given evidence of their usefulness; what the children have learned in a very short time is very gratifying and promises good results to come. The aim here is to educate along practical lines; to give each child such instruction as may be of value in future life; so that when these children grow to mature years they may be self-supporting, or as near so as their faculties will permit. With this idea in view, instruction in reading and writing is persistently given. Next in importance, or it may be of more importance, is the industrial training; the modern method of instruction, in which object lessons play such an important part, is peculiarly suitable for the class of children here cared for and is largely used by our teachers. Special attention to articulation has brought about improvement in the speech of many of our children and the military discipline exacted throughout the entire institution has improved their carriage and their general deportment.

An important part of the industrial training is the instruction in sloyd. The children, by a carefully graded series of models, are lead by easy stages from the production of simple objects to the more advanced and more complicated articles of usefulness manufactured from wood.

The boys are organized into a military company; they have been uniformed and are regularly drilled by a drill-master. Gymnastic and calisthenic exercises are given in the gymnasium. A brass band has been organized for the boys and singing classes for the girls.

The work of the institution has been largely carried on by the children; a number of boys are employed in the shoe-shop and the tailor-shop under the direction of skilled instructors. A group of boys are engaged in assisting in the work of concreting the cellar floors; two boys are apprenticed to the carpenter, two to the baker and one to the blacksmith. Twenty-five boys have found employment upon the farm, aiding largely in the harvesting of hay, the care of live stock and the raising of vegetables consumed in the institution. A group of



COTTAGE 5.

girls find employment in the sewing room, while others aid in the dining rooms and laundry. Each in proportion to his ability aiding in the work of the institution, and many for the first time recognizing that they are able to perform some useful service, and in thus doing, derive more happiness from life than they had previously known.

Aside from the class who receive instruction, others incapable of much improvement, here find a home where they are protected from the idle and curious; and, in caring for these unfortunate ones here, many a home is relieved of a burden; many a care-worn mother freed to the remainder of her family. The benefit derived from this institution is not alone to its inmates; by no means the least good accomplished, by separating these unfortunates from society, is the relief given to posterity, who are thus relieved of the care of a progeny more deficient than those now cared for here.

Since the opening of the institution, much labor has been expended in grading and building roads; a dam is being constructed across Hibb's Creek which, when completed, will form a lake one-half mile long by one-quarter mile wide; an ice-house is being constructed upon the lake-side. Other buildings now being constructed are a coal-shed for an emergency supply of coal; a water tank to contain an emergency supply of water for the boilers; pig pens and henneries. An orchard of 30 acres has been planted and the farm is rapidly being cleared of brush and stone; and, where necessary, drains are being placed. Four miles of fence have been constructed about the farm.

A number of the old buildings upon the property have been renovated and are now being occupied by employees. The barns in the best state of preservation have been utilized for storage purposes. Other old buildings beyond repair have been removed; and, where possible, the lumber in them utilized in the construction of other buildings. In as far as possible, the inmates of the institution have aided in the accomplishment of all improvements.

Our herd of short-horn cows have supplied the institution with an abundance of wholesome milk.

All departments of the institution have progressed without friction. The officers and employees have labored with

untiring zeal, striving to do their utmost toward the accomplishment of the arduous undertaking of organizing their various departments, and have considered no task too laborious, or hours of labor too long, when necessary to bring about the work of perfecting the institution, in which all take pride.

In the organization and equipment of the institution, advantage has been taken of the example set and advice given by the Pennsylvania Training School for Feeble-Minded Children, at Elwyn, Pa.; and that our institution in the West may achieve a measure of the success and usefulness attained by our parent institution in the East, is my very sincere desire.

Respectfully submitted,

J. MOORHEAD MURDOCH,
Superintendent.



BRADON.

DAY ROOM—COTTAGE E.

ACT

Creating the State Institution for the Feeble Minded of Western Pennsylvania.

Session of 1893.

To provide for the selection of a site and the erection of a State institution for the feeble minded, to be called the Western Pennsylvania State Institution for the Feeble Minded, and making an appropriation therefor.

Section 1.—Be it enacted, etc., That the Governor shall appoint five commissioners, who shall serve without compensation, to select a site and build an institution for the accommodation of the feeble-minded children of Western Pennsylvania.

Section 2.—Said commissioners shall select, within four months of the date of their appointment, a tract of land not less than five hundred nor more than one thousand acres in extent, so located as to be most accessible by railroad facilities to the counties of Western Pennsylvania, to-wit:

Section 3.—The tract of land so selected shall be good arable land, well adapted to the preservation of the health and the occupation and maintenance of the inmates of said institution, with an adequate supply of good water, and natural facilities for drainage from the institution buildings, and the said tract of land so selected, and the cost thereof, shall be approved in writing by the Governor and the State Board of Public Charities before the purchase money shall be paid, and the deed for the same shall be taken in the name of the Commonwealth, but nothing herein contained shall prevent said commissioners from receiving a deed to the Commonwealth in fee for any land donated for the purpose aforesaid.

Section 4.—The plans for said institution shall be prepared by said commissioners and approved by the State Board of Public Charities. The buildings shall be of the best design for the construction of such institution, and without expensive architectural adornments, or unduly large or costly administrative accommodations, and no change shall be made in said plans of construction without the consent of the State Board of Public Charities.

Section 5.—The said commissioners shall, with the approval of the Governor and State Board of Public Charities, have power to select a superintendent of construction and fix the salary thereof, and of such other persons as they may think necessary to employ, in order to secure the proper economical construction of said buildings; provided, that the total cost of said buildings and grounds shall not exceed the sum of five hundred thousand dollars.

Section 6.—To enable the commissioners to purchase the site and to erect the said buildings, the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or so

much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated, to be drawn from the treasury as the same may be required, on warrants drawn by the Auditor-General in the usual manner, vouchers or statements to be furnished approved by the Secretary of the State Board of Public Charities before any warrant is issued.

Section 7.—The buildings shall be in two groups, one for the educational and industrial department, and one for the custodial or asylum department, with such other sub-divisions as will best classify and separate the many diverse forms of the infirmity to be treated, and shall embrace one or more school houses, a gymnasium and drill hall, a work shop, and an isolating hospital, all on such scale as will create an institution to accommodate not less than eight hundred inmates or patients, planned and located for easy and natural additions as population demands.

Section 8.—Said commissioners shall proceed to erect said buildings and complete the same within three years from the passage of this act, and shall make report to the State Board of Public Charities of the amount of money expended by them, and of the progress made in the erection of the buildings, semi-annually at least, and oftener if so required by the board.

Section 9.—The said commissioners, upon the completion of said institution, shall surrender their trust to a Board of Trustees, to consist of nine members, who shall serve without compensation, and be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Said trustees shall be a body politic or corporate of the name and style of the State Institution for Feeble Minded of Western Pennsylvania. They shall manage and direct the concerns of the institution, and make all necessary by-laws and regulations not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth. Of the trustees first appointed, three shall serve for one year, three for two years, and three for three years, and at the expiration of the respective periods the vacancies shall be filled by the Governor by appointment for three years, as hereinbefore provided, and should any vacancy occur by death or resignation, or otherwise, of any trustee, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment, as aforesaid, for the unexpired term of such manager.

Section 10.—That this institution shall be entirely and specifically devoted to the reception, detention, care and training of idiotic and feeble-minded children, and shall be so planned in the beginning and construction as shall provide separate classification of the numerous groups embraced under the terms idiotic and imbecile or feeble minded. Cases afflicted with either epilepsy or paralysis shall have a due proportion of space and care in the custodial department. It is specifically determined that the processes of an agricultural training shall be primarily considered in the educational department, and that the employment of the inmates in the care and raising of stock and the cultivation of small fruits, vegetables, roots, et cetera, shall be made largely tributary to the maintenance of the institution.

Section 11.—There shall be received into the institution feeble-minded children under the age of twenty years, whose admission may be applied for as follows:

First.—By the father, if father and mother are living together.

Second.—If father and mother are not living together, then by one having custody of the child.

Third.—By the guardian, duly appointed.

Fourth.—By the superintendent of any county orphanage.



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COTTAGE DORMITORY.



Boys' Dining Room

Fifth.—By the person having the management of any other institution or asylum where children are cared for.

Under items three, four and five, consent of parents, if living, is not required.

All inmates are subject to such rules and regulations as the Board of Trustees may adopt.

Section 12.—The form of application for admission into the institution and the necessary checks to improper admissions shall be such as the Board of Trustees, with the approval of the State Board of Charities, may prescribe, and each application shall be accompanied by answers, under oath, to such interrogatories as the trustees shall by rule require to be propounded.

Section 13.—Any parent or guardian who may wish to enter a child into said institution for treatment, culture or improvement, and pay all expenses of such care, may do so under terms, rules and regulations prescribed by the superintendent and approved by the trustees.

Section 14.—Said board shall receive as inmates of said institution feeble-minded children, residents of this State, under the age of twenty years, who shall be incapable of receiving instruction in the common schools of this State. Said board shall prescribe and cause to be printed instructions and forms of application for the admission of such and shall include therein interrogatories to which they shall require answers under oath, showing such facts as may be needed for the information of said trustees. Such printed instructions and forms shall be furnished to all applicants for the admission of any person or patient in whole or in part as a State beneficiary, and shall be endorsed by the Board of Commissioners or the Directors of the Poor of the county in which he or she resides at the time of making the application.

Section 15.—Adults who may be determined to be feeble minded, and who are of such inoffensive habits as to make them proper subjects for classification and discipline in an institution for the feeble minded, can be admitted upon pursuing the same course of legal commitment as govern admission to the State Hospital for the Insane.

Section 16.—The Board of Commissioners or Directors of the Poor of a county, in approving an application for the admission of a person to said institution, shall state whether or not such child has an estate of sufficient value, or a parent or parents of sufficient financial ability to defray the expense, in whole or in part, of supporting such child in said institution, and if there be such means of support, in part only, then the amount per month which the parents or parent or the legal guardian of such child may be able to pay, and the person or persons who make the application for such admission shall therein make statement under oath as to such means of support. Said Board of Trustees, in accepting the application for the admission of any person shall fix the amount, if any, which shall be paid for such support, according to the ability of the parents or parent of such person, or according to the value of such person's estate, if any, and shall require payment for such support, so far as there may be ability to pay, as a condition to the admission or retention of said person. Said amount may at any time be changed by said trustees, according to their information concerning such means of support. Where the indigence of the child or its family be such as to require its admission upon the full beneficiary fund of the State, the ascertainment of the facts shall be as hereinbefore stated, and the support at the Institution shall be provided for by annual appropriations at such per

capita rates as shall be appropriated by the Legislature on the application of the trustees, after submission and approval of the same by the State Board of Public Charities.

Section 17.—Said board shall have authority to receive for the use of said institution such gifts, legacies, devices and conveyances of property, real or personal, that may be made, given or granted to or for such institution or in its name or the name of said board.

Section 18.—The said Board of Trustees shall appoint a skillful physician who shall be superintendent and shall be competent to oversee and direct the medical, hygienic, educational and industrial interests of the institution, and shall have charge and supervision of the entire institution, both professional and otherwise. He shall name for appointment such and so many assistants, attendants and employees as may be considered necessary by the said Board of Trustees, and, with the approval of the trustees, shall appoint a steward, who shall have charge, under the direction of such superintendent, of the employment of the inmates of said institution, and the purchase, production and distribution of all supplies, under such rules and regulations as may be established by such trustees.

The salaries of the superintendent, matrons, teachers, assistants and attendants of the institution, shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees.

Section 19.—The said trustees shall make, under oath, by their president or treasurer, a quarterly report to the Auditor-General of the State and to the State Board of Public Charities, containing an itemized statement of the receipts from all sources and the expenses of the institution during the previous quarter, and unless such itemized report is made and approved by the State Board of Public Charities, Auditor-General and State Treasurer, the State Treasurer is hereby directed not to pay any more money to said institution until such report is made as aforesaid.

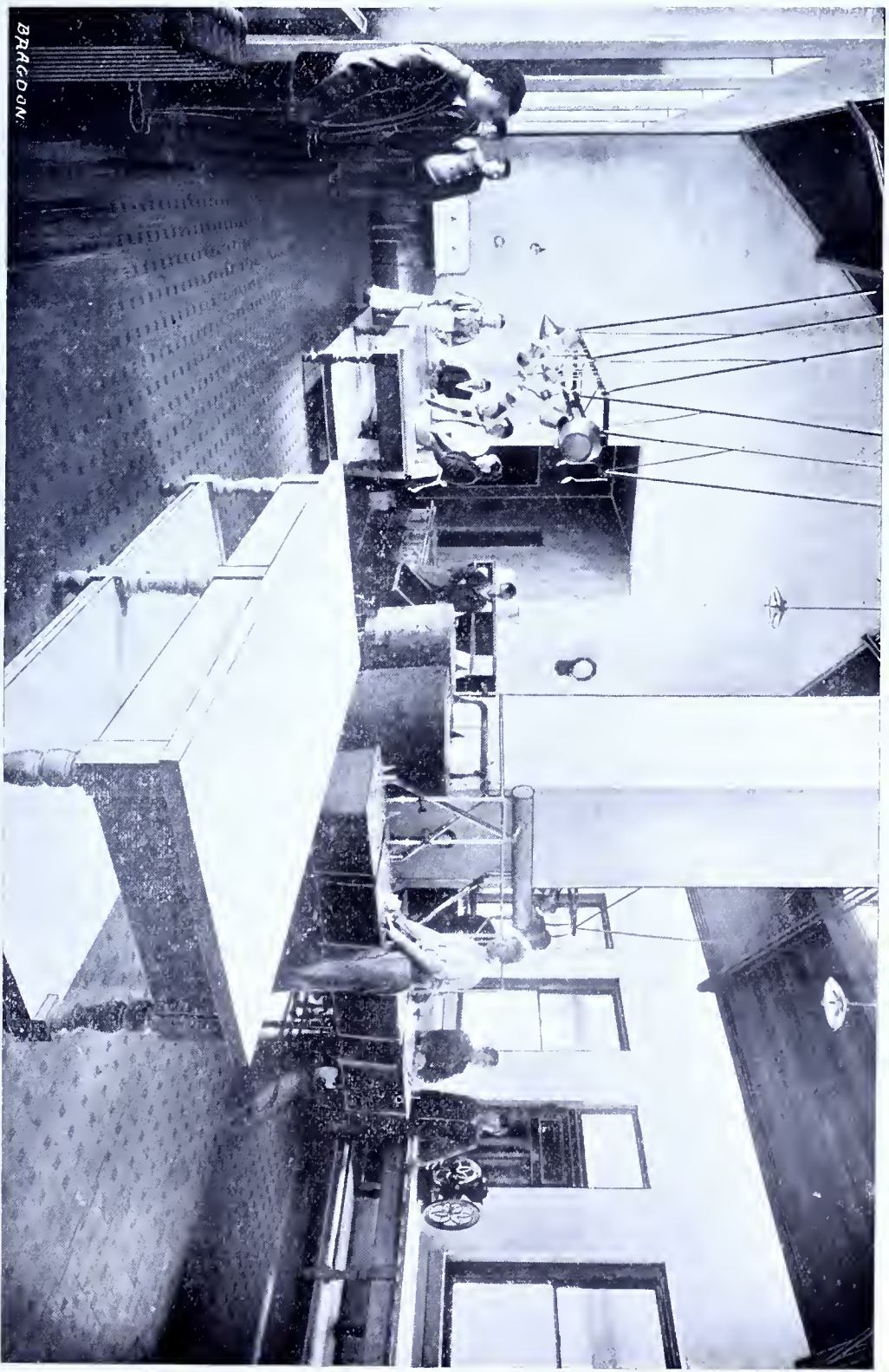
Section 20.—The Governor, Judges of the several Courts of the Commonwealth, members of the Legislature and the Board of Public Charities shall be ex-officio visitors of said institution.

Approved—The 3d day of June, A. D. 1893.

ROBERT E. PATTISON.



STABLE AND COW BARN.



BRAGDON

KITCHEN.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.

Persons applying for admission of children must fill out and return certain blanks, copies of which will be forwarded to any address on application to the Superintendent.

When parents are able, they are required to meet the entire cost of care, training and treatment; and if unable to meet the entire cost, to pay such portion thereof as they may be able; however, no child residing within the State of Pennsylvania will be refused admission on account of pecuniary inability.

VISITING DAYS.

Visitors are admitted every Friday and Saturday from 10 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 p. m. to 4 p. m.; holidays excepted.

The institution is located at Polk, Venango county, Pa., on the Jamestown and Franklin Division of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway.

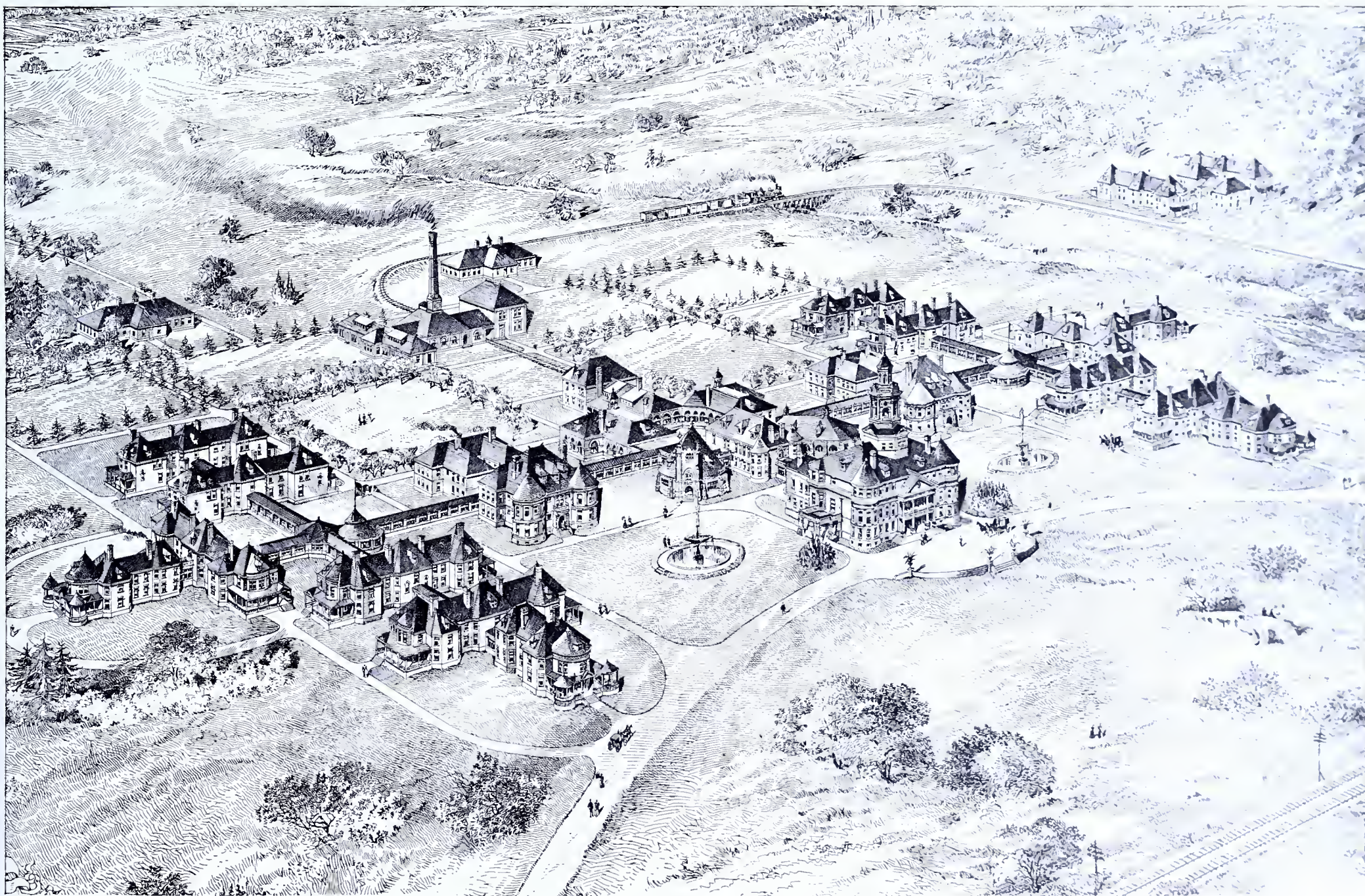
It may be reached from Pittsburg and all points in Southern Pennsylvania by either the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad; the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway, or the Allegheny Valley Railway.

DONATIONS.

Donations of every character are gladly received, especially at the Holiday season.

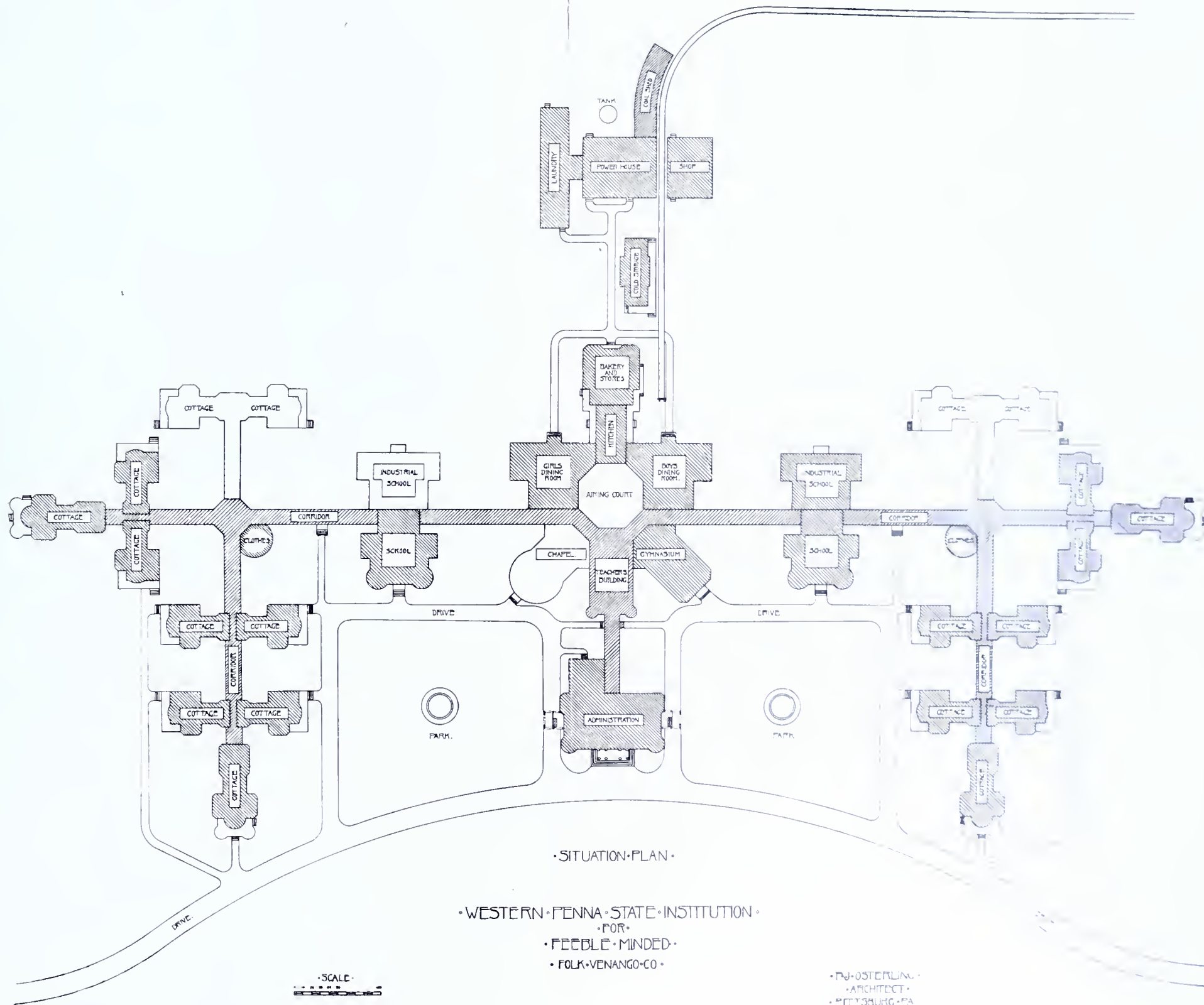
Contributions of books, magazines, toys or cash are especially appreciated. Contributions may be sent direct to the institution at our expense.

All communications should be addressed to Dr. J. Moorhead Murdoch, Superintendent, Polk, Pa.



F. J. Osterling, Architect,
Pittsburgh.

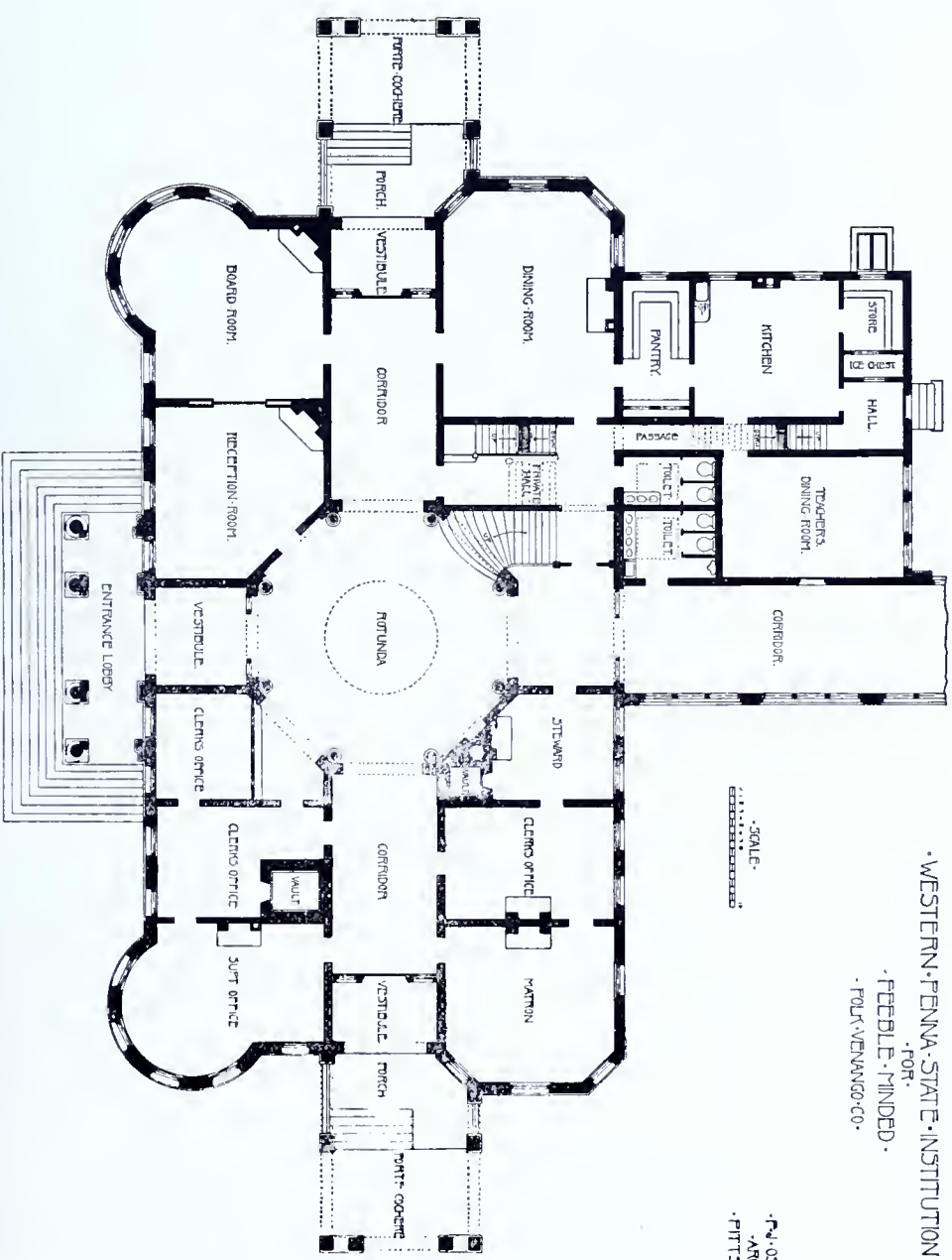
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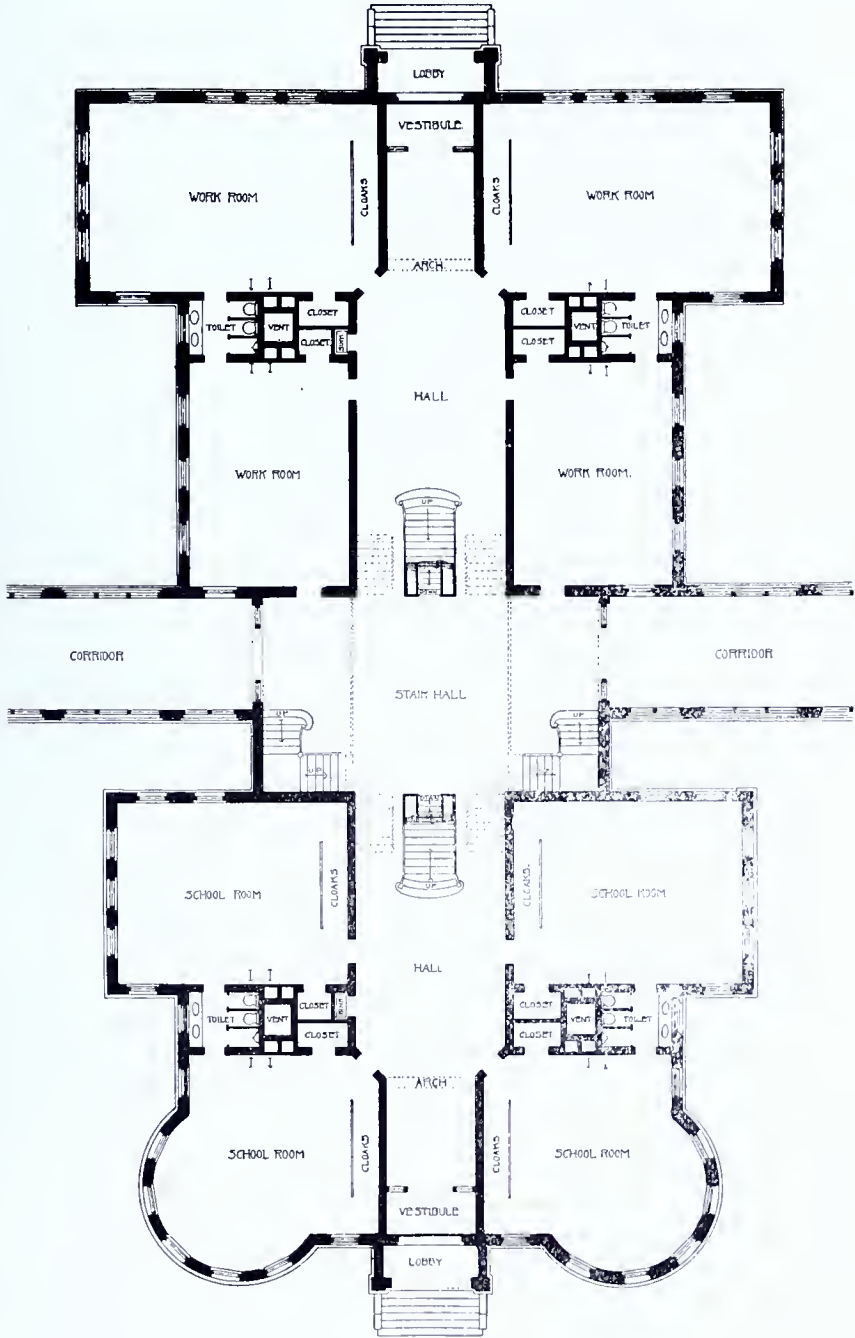
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• ADMINISTRATION BUILDING •



SCHOOL BUILDING

WESTERN PENNA. STATE INSTITUTION

FOR

FEEBLE-MINDED

POLK-VENANGO CO.

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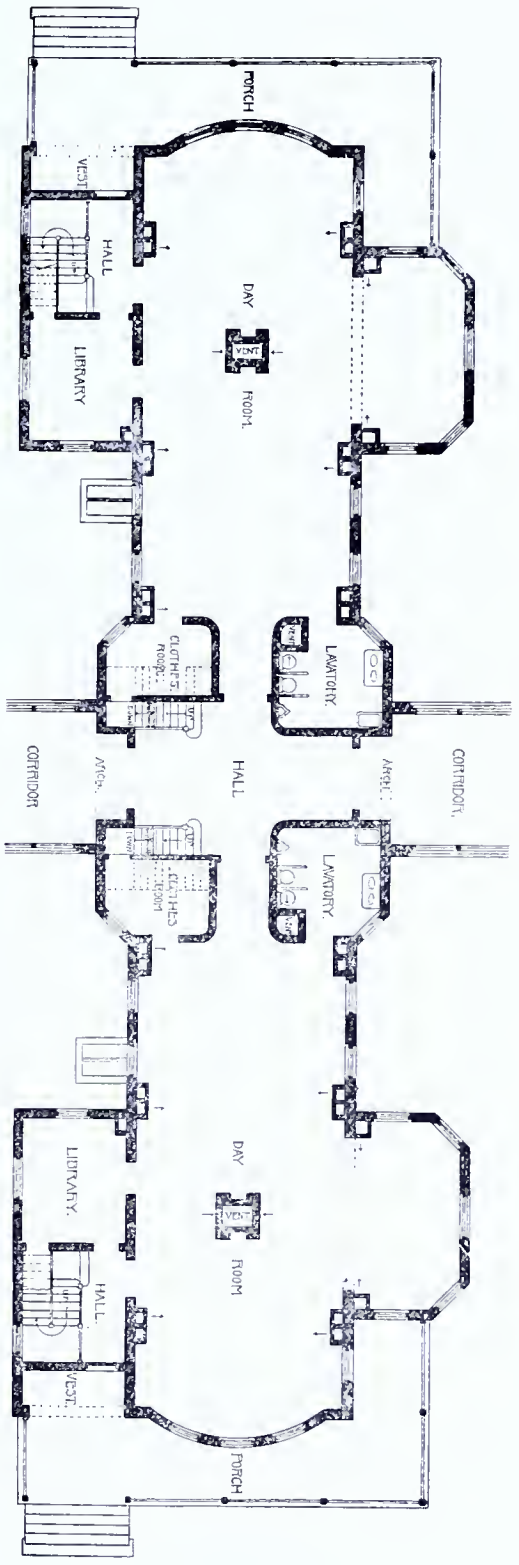
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SCALE



• FIRST FLOOR PLAN •



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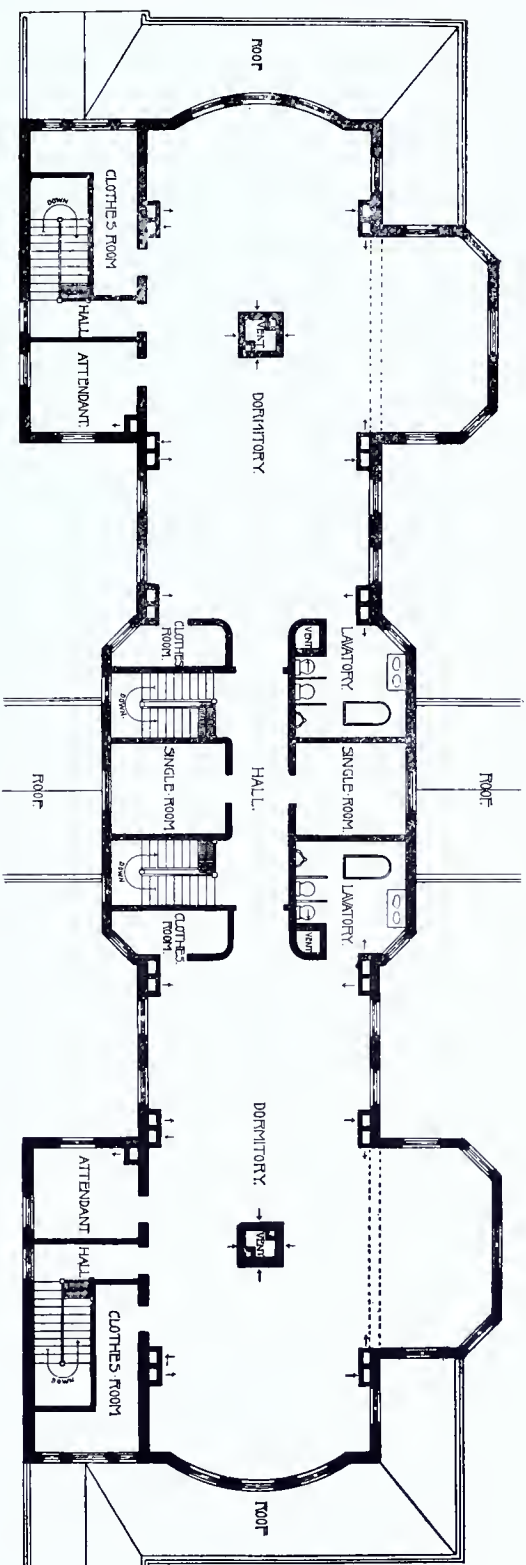
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SECOND FLOOR PLAN.



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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
State Institution for Feeble-Minded
—OF—
Western Pennsylvania.



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For the Year Ending September 30, 1898.

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SLOYD ROOM.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

To His Excellency, Daniel H. Hastings, Governor of Pennsylvania, the Senate and House of Representatives and the State Board of Charities:

The Board of Trustees of the State Institution for Feeble Minded of Western Pennsylvania present their annual report for the year ending September 30th, 1898.

Throughout the year the Board has held monthly meetings at the institution, receiving bids for supplies, awarding contracts and examining all bills. We have kept ourselves informed as to the making of improvements and the keeping of the property in good repair, the economic management of the affairs of the institution and its financial condition.

It is with pleasure that we report that in the expenditures for special construction and for maintenance, we have in every case kept within the limits of the appropriations.

The institution has now passed through its formative stage. The plan of conducting the institution is organized so that the working of every department is carefully recorded and all property belonging to the institution accounted for.

The marked improvement in the appearance of nearly all the children admitted into the institution, even within a comparatively short time after their admission, is the best evidence of the good accomplished. The evidence of happiness and awakening intelligence shown by the children cared for, is in marked contrast with the condition of the same class of children seen in the outside world.

We are overwhelmed with applications for admission, many of which we have been compelled to refuse, owing to the State beneficiary list being at present limited to four hundred and twenty-five. This number we trust will be increased to eight hundred by the Legislature, at its coming session, in order that admission may be granted to all worthy children within the jurisdiction of the institution.

We also respectfully request an appropriation for the construction of the buildings necessary to complete the institution

as originally planned. These buildings consist of two custodial buildings, one for boys and one for girls; a chapel or entertainment hall, and an isolating hospital.

As pointed out in our last annual report, the act creating this institution contemplated the care of all classes of the feeble minded. The Building Commission prepared plans for the construction of both the custodial and educational departments. They first proceeded with the construction of the educational department. In 1895 both branches of the Legislature passed a bill providing for the construction of the other buildings as contemplated in the original plan. This bill unfortunately did not become a law, being vetoed on account of the financial condition of the State at that time.

These buildings are now urgently needed. We are now caring for both improvable and unimprovable children in buildings especially constructed for the former class. This is to the detriment of both classes and is accomplished at great inconvenience and expense. We now look to the generosity of the Legislature for the completion of the institution as originally planned.

Aside from an appropriation for the construction of these buildings, we shall petition the Legislature for appropriations for the construction of a reservoir, hot houses, a sterilizer, an additional battery of boilers, pavilions for summer schools and the building of retaining walls, walks and drives.

A full account of the affairs of the institution in detail, with the necessities for the above mentioned improvements, may be found in the accompanying report of the Superintendent and appended tables.

It is with regret that we record the resignation from the Board of J. J. Speerman, of Sharon, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. JACKSON.
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Trustees.



BRADON.

REPORT OF TREASURER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1898.

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash with Superintendent September 30th, 1897.....	\$ 311 85
From the Commonwealth	64,587 99
From Clothing Furnished Inmates.....	8,060 30
From Pay and Part Pay Patients.....	1,570 33
From Farm—Produce	131 50
From Loan	4,925 00
From All Other Sources.....	793 39
	<hr/> \$80,380 36

EXPENDITURES.

Warrants Paid During the Year.....	\$79,526 88
Cash with Superintendent September 30th, 1898.....	324 94
Balance in Treasury September 30th, 1898.....	528 54
	<hr/> \$80,380 36

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

RECEIPTS.

From the Commonwealth	\$30,977 39
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EXPENDITURES.

Furnishing, Equipping Barns, Purchasing Horses, Cows, Vehicles, etc.	\$ 3,355 93
Equipping Cold Storage Building.....	755 54
Furnishing Educational School Buildings.....	1,025 00
Furnishing Industrial School Buildings.....	202 89
Equipment for Boilers, Engine Room and Machine Shop..	1,650 97
Grading, Building Walks, Drives, etc.....	5,900 00
Planting Fruit Trees, Shrubbery, etc.....	2,000 00
Erecting Pig Pens, Henneries, and Purchase of Pigs, Chickens, etc.	1,870 00
Clocks, Time Detectors and Electric Apparatus.....	1,004 90
Concreting Cellar Floors.....	3,500 00
Construction of Coal Shed and Railroad Switch.....	1,700 00
Ice House	1,000 00
Water Tank	500 00
Fencing	3,000 00
Office Fixtures and Furnishings.....	1,551 83
Maintenance in Addition to the Per Capita Appropriation.	1,960 33
	<hr/> \$30,977 39

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. ECHOLS,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

To the President and the Board of Trustees of the State Institution for Feeble Minded of Western Pennsylvania:

Gentlemen—I submit the following report for the fiscal year ending September 30th, 1898.

MOVEMENT OF POPULATION.

There were present in the institution on September 30th, 1897, 349 inmates. During the year 201 were admitted and 54 were discharged or died, leaving in the institution on September 30th, 1898, 496 inmates. The total average attendance during the year was 445.

Of the 201 children admitted during the year 123 were boys and 78 were girls.

Of those discharged 24 had been much benefited by their stay in the institution; 5 were of too low a grade to make any perceptible progress, and 3 were transferred to hospitals for the insane, being, by reason of their insanity, unsuited for care and training in an institution for the feeble minded.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.

The number of applications for admission has been large, particularly from the indigent classes.

We have been compelled to defer admission in more than one hundred worthy cases on account of the limitation in our maintenance appropriation, which provided for the care of but 425.

HEALTH.

The general health of the children has been remarkably good. Nearly every one of the children admitted during the year showed marked physical improvement within the first few weeks after admission, improvement in the physical condition as a rule preceding mental improvement.

Nine cases of scarlet fever, five of diphtheria and a mild epidemic of measles occurred during the year.

One very feeble child, stricken with diphtheria, succumbed to the disease. All other children subject to any of the contagious diseases made prompt and complete recoveries.

The further spread of contagia was prevented by prompt isolation of the infected children, and in the cases of diphtheria by the immunization with diphtheria antitoxin of all children who had been exposed to the disease. Diphtheria antitoxin being kindly furnished by the Bureau of Health of the City of Pittsburg.

In this connection I wish to point out the need of a sterilizer in which the clothing of all children could be thoroughly sterilized upon admission, thus greatly minimizing the possibility of contagious disease gaining entrance into the institution. A sterilizer would also serve as a great aid in stamping out contagia should it gain entrance into our household.

An isolating hospital, I may add, is another of our urgent needs, the necessity of which in an institution where so many children are cared for must be apparent to all.

In the feeble minded, the deficiency of mental power is but a symptom, being, in the vast majority of cases, associated with a feeble constitution, and in order to bring about improvement, carefully regulated physical exercise and hygiene must go hand in hand with education, the physician and teacher working together.

A number of children have drifted into our institution who were of apparent feeble intellect, but who in reality had normal minds, though undeveloped, owing to one of the avenues of special sense being blocked. These physical defects being remedied or removed, the children have been started on the way to future usefulness.

SCHOOLS.

In our school work instruction commences with the most simple exercises, the children receiving much individual instruction. The idea in the school training being to train each individual so that he may become able to perform to the best of his ability some useful service.

A detailed outline of what we teach is given in the appended outline of school work.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

During the months of July and August, summer school is conducted for those children incapable of joining the industrial groups upon the farm, garden and grounds.

These children meet daily in Kerlin Hall and, if the weather permits, after short exercises within doors, march to the groves where they are instructed by their teachers.

The school discipline is thus maintained throughout the entire year, and the children are kept from deteriorating, as these children do if long removed from the refining influence of their teachers.

Pavilions where these classes could be sheltered from a sudden storm and where they could assemble when the ground is damp would be of great benefit to this branch of the school work.

BAND.

A band of fourteen pieces has been organized and now furnishes the music for our entertainments.

A second band class of seven pieces is progressing very satisfactorily.

MILITARY DRILL.

Perhaps no part of the training given the class of boys here cared for is of more importance or more potent for good than the military drill. Three classes are drilled daily by our drill master. The discipline, bearing and quickness of thought developed in this branch of training is very noticeable in the boys who take part.

CALISTHENICS AND GYMNASTICS.

The calisthenic and gymnastic classes are doing good work for the girls and small boys who do not take part in the military drill.

The weak body, which as a rule accompanies a feeble mind, requires physical education; without this it would be useless to attempt to improve the mental condition.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Praise and Sabbath school services have been held in Kerlin Hall every Sabbath afternoon and a service of song every Wednesday evening.

RECREATION AND AMUSEMENTS.

A stereopticon exhibition has been given one evening each week. Every Saturday evening an entertainment is held in the gymnasium. These entertainments are attended by all who are physically able to come.

The holidays have all been appropriately observed and, thanks to our many friends, every child received a number of appropriate Christmas presents; sixteen large clothes baskets of gifts being distributed in Kerlin Hall, where the children assembled around a large and well-trimmed Christmas tree.

Independence Day was celebrated by a picnic in the woods and a display of fire works.

Very creditable entertainments have been given from time to time by the school children. The zeal and painstaking efforts of the teachers in this voluntary work is highly appreciated.

I desire in this connection to express my gratitude to the choir of the First Baptist Church of Franklin, the Methodist Episcopal Boy Choir and the Franklin Cornet Band for the pleasure they have furnished our children during the year.

INDUSTRIAL.

The work of the boys and girls within the institution is worthy of mention. The work done and the branches of industry at which the children have been employed may be found in the appended tables.

SLOYD.

The sloyd classes have been quite satisfactory and will be continued. The interest taken by the children in this work is very gratifying. The feeling of pride in having manufactured some useful article, stimulates the child to exert efforts in many other directions.

MAT AND HAMMOCK MAKING.

A class of boys is occupied making mats and hammocks. These have proved to be excellent occupations for a low grade of children.

GRADING.

A large detail of boys with their attendants, under the direction of an outside foreman, has been engaged during the year in grading, building roads, walk and drains; and that their labor has been productive of results is evidenced in the improved appearance of the grounds surrounding the institution.

Much work in this direction remains to be done; thousands of yards of earth must still be removed from the north, south and west of the institution, in order to have proper drainage from the buildings.

The boys can furnish much useful labor; it will, however, be necessary to have competent men to oversee the work, and material for walks, drives and drains.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Among the improvements made during the year may be noted: the completion of the coal shed and tank, adjacent to the boiler house, which were being constructed at the time of making the last annual report; the concreting of the cellars throughout the entire institution; the building of a shed and corn crib for the storage of farm implements and corn; a pig-gery, sufficiently large for the care of 50 pigs; a hennery, with capacity for 800 chickens; an ice house, and about three miles of wire fence. A large number of trees were planted and much labor expended in grading, making lawns, walks and drives.

FARM AND GARDEN.

A report of the produce from the farm and garden is given in an appended statement. This, however, represents but a small portion of the labor expended upon this department, as in this report account is taken only of what has actually been used for the subsistence of the children. Hay, fodder, grain

and manure, also work in bringing the land up to a higher state of cultivation not being taken into account.

Many acres of buckwheat have been plowed under, about 500 rods of drains have been placed where needed, many roads have been made and many hundred loads of stone carted to the dam.

The bottom land to the east end of the farm, the hill to the north and the truck patch to the west of the institution have been well drained, cleared of stone and stumps and are in a fair state of cultivation. Our boys have aided largely in this work.

Owing to our short summers, due to our northern location, it is very essential that we have a hot house for the propagation of vegetables, as unless our tomatoes, cabbage, etc., get an early start in the spring, they are, at our latitude, in great danger of being overtaken by an early frost. I therefore respectfully suggest that you urge the Legislature to make an appropriation for the construction of suitable hot houses.

STEAM HEATING AND POWER PLANT.

During the severe cold of last winter the steam heating plant proved entirely adequate, the buildings being thoroughly heated at all times. To do this, however, required our entire boiler capacity, and it would seem advisable to have an additional battery of boilers in order that we could always have one battery in reserve.

WATER SUPPLY.

Our supply of pure water has proved adequate for our needs at all times. During the greater part of the year we have, however, used the entire output of our springs. Fortunately, we have never had to call upon our supply to quench fire, for with no reserve, the pipe would be drained within a few minutes, and we would then be at the mercy of the flames. I would suggest that you request the Legislature to appropriate a sufficient sum to build a reservoir upon the orchard hill, as suggested by the State Board of Public Charities.

BUILDINGS FOR CUSTODIAL DEPARTMENT.

We are now caring for 496 children, and have on file applications for the admission of 116 more, or a total of 612; 12 more than the capacity of our buildings.

Applications are constantly streaming in, the appeals for admission in most cases being extremely pitiful. Within one year we will in all probability have applications for the admission of 100 more than we will be able to accommodate.

One hundred and two of the children now cared for here, and a large percentage of the children for whose admission application has been made, are totally unsuited for the institution as now constructed.

It is earnestly to be hoped that the institution will soon be provided with custodial departments for boys and girls, where the unimprovable and helpless idiot may be cared for apart from the improvable child, leaving the present buildings for the care of those feeble-minded children whose mental condition is susceptible of improvement.

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES.

The following is an analysis of the expenditures for the year:—

Wages	\$17,830 39
Salaries	8,981 97
Subsistence	17,664 62
Farm and henneries.....	7,881 73
Fuel	5,164 81
Freight	4,943 32
Repairs and improvements.....	7,672 66
Furniture, beds and bedding.....	3,835 58
Clothing	5,277 24
Schools	737 26
Telegraph and telephone.....	117 55
Electricity	740 68
Drugs	384 66
Interest	300 00
Money refunded—Overpaid board.....	10 00
Office expense	674 85
Trustees' expense	342 95
General expense	2,327 64
	<hr/> \$84,887 91

Average number of children.....	445.2575
Per capita cost for the year.....	\$190.649
Average weekly per capita cost.....	\$3.6663

In closing this report, I desire to speak of the loyal support I have received from officers and employes in conducting the affairs of the institution. The interest taken by all has been to me a source of great satisfaction and has made the work of administering your trust a pleasure.

To you, the members of the Board of Trustees, I desire to extend my thanks for your kind encouragement and support.

Very respectfully submitted,

J. MOORHEAD MURDOCH,
Superintendent.

TABLE I.

MOVEMENT OF POPULATION.

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Number at the beginning of the year.....	202	147	349
Admitted during the year.....	123	78	201
Total cared for during the year.....	325	225	550
Discharged, improved	15	9	24
Discharged, unimproved	4	4	8
Died	13	9	22
Remaining at the end of the year.....	293	203	496

TABLE II.

AGE OF THOSE ADMITTED DURING THE YEAR.

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Under five years.....	9	1	10
From five to eight years.....	7	6	13
From eight to twelve years.....	19	11	30
From twelve to fifteen years.....	22	11	33
From fifteen to twenty-one years.....	22	24	46
Twenty-one years and over.....	44	25	69
Totals	123	78	201

TABLE III.

NUMBER ADMITTED AND DISCHARGED EACH YEAR.

YEAR.	ADMITTED.		CARED FOR.		DISCHARGED.							
					Improved		Unimproved.		Died.		Total.	
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
1897.....	203	150	203	150	....	2	.....	.....	1	1	1	3
1898.....	123	78	325	225	15	9	4	4	13	9	32	22
Total.....	326	228	.....	.....	15	11	4	4	14	10	33	25

TABLE IV.

THERE WERE MAINTAINED BY THE COMMONWEALTH WHOLLY
OR IN PART FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES:

Counties.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Allegheny	56	46	102
Armstrong	5	13	18
Beaver	8	7	15
Bedofrd	4	1	5
Blair	8	4	12
Butler	10	3	13
Cambria	5	3	8
Cameron	1	..	1
Centre	2	1	3
Chester	1	..	1
Clarion	4	4	8
Clearfield	20	2	22
Clinton	2	5	7
Crawford	12	13	25
Dauphin	4	1	5
Erle	18	2	20
Fayette	8	7	15
Forest	3	..	3
Franklin	2	..	2
Greene	10	4	14
Huntington	3	2	5
Indiana	11	8	19
Jefferson	8	10	18
Juniata	3	3	6
Lackawanna	7	..	5
Lancaster	1	..	1
Lawrence	7	8	15
Lehigh	2	..	2
Luzerne	3	..	3
Lycoming	8	8	16
Mercer	20	22	42
Mifflin	3	3	6
McKean	3	4	7
Northumberland	1	..	1
Philadelphia	1	1	2
Potter	1	1	2
Somerset	3	1	4
Sullivan	1	..	1
Susquehanna .....	..	1	1
Tioga	2	..	2
Venango	26	19	45
Warren	3	3	6
Washington	7	7	14
Westmoreland	6	5	11
Total	313	222	535

TABLE V.

THE CHILDREN PRESENT SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1898, WERE THUS CLASSIFIED:

Classification.

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
School Department—			
In schools	96	71	167
In training classes	26	24	50
Manual Department—			
In grading, road making, etc.....	25	..	25
In shops	26	..	26
In garden and farm.....	15	..	15
In laundry	1	17	18
In domestic duties.....	51	42	93
Custodial Department—			
In asylum	28	33	61
In nursery	25	16	41
Total	293	203	496

TABLE VI.

NUMBER EMPLOYED IN THE INDUSTRIAL BRANCHES.

Trades.	Boys.	Girls.
Bake Shop	2	..
Blacksmith shop	1	..
Boiler house	6	..
Carpenter shop	4	..
Domestic duties	51	42
Farm	15	..
Grading	25	..
Laundry	1	17
Mat and hammock making.....	8	..
Painting	1	..
Sewing rooms .....	..	16
Shoe shop	3	..
Tailor shop	6	..
Total	123	75

OUTLINE OF SCHOOL WORK.

LOW GRADE B.

Consists of quite small semi-mutes. They have one session daily.

EXERCISES—Blocks, beads, pin-cushions, peg boards, nail and form boards, sewing cards, weaving, cutting pictures, simple calisthenics and marching.

LOW GRADE A.

Bead stringing, color, form, counting, sewing cards, hemming, sewing buttons on garments, weaving, reading from blackboard, forming simple characters on slates. A few add small numbers.

MIDDLE GRADE A.

Reading from blackboard and chart, employing phonics, writing on slates. Number—First Steps, with blackboard exercises in addition and subtraction.

Object, form, and color lessons.

HIGH GRADE B.

Morning Session—

Reading—Pollard's System adapted to chart and First Reader.

Number—First Steps; addition of double columns.

Vertical Writing No. 1, and slate work.

Afternoon Session—

Sewing and calisthenics.

HIGH GRADE A.

Morning Session—

Second, Third and Fourth Readers. Combining for supplemental reading of Nature Studies, Young People's Choice Literature and Harper's Primary Geography.

Spelling from reading lesson, dictated sentences.

Writing—Vertical system, from reading lessons; letter writing.

Number—First Steps; long division, fractions, practical lessons in weights, dry, liquid and linear measures; values of coins, time telling.

Afternoon Session—

Sewing and calisthenics.

KINDERGARTEN, A AND B.

These classes receive the customary training adopted by schools of this kind in morning session, while in the afternoon session "A" has especial attention in Number and Pollard System of Reading.

PRODUCE RAISED AND ARTICLES MADE DURING THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1898.

PRODUCE FROM FARM AND GARDEN.

Beans, Lima, 160 qt. at 12c.....	\$ 19 20
Beans, string, 66 2-3 bu. at 25c.....	16 66
Beets, 32 bu. at 20c.....	6 40
Celery, 1,604 bunches at 10c.....	160 40
Cabbage, 17,469 heads at 1c.....	174 69
Cauliflower, 72 heads at 8c.....	5 76
Cucumbers, 443 doz., at 6c.....	26 58
Chicken, spring, 61½ lbs. at 15c.....	9 22
Carrots, 16½ bu. at 25c.....	4 12
Corn, 1,653 doz. at 6c.....	99 18
Cantaloupes, 91 at 5c.....	4 55
Eggs, 1,473½ doz. at 15c.....	221 02
Lettuce, 653 lbs. at 6c.....	39 19
Milk, 74,932 qts. at 3c.....	2,247 96
Onions, 2,892 doz. at 3c.....	86 76
Parsnips, 75 bu. at 50c.....	37 50
Pork, 3,488 lbs. at 5c.....	174 40
Pickles, 18,595 at 20c cwt.....	37 19
Peas, 34¾ bu. at 75c.....	26 06
Potatoes, 291½ bu. at 50c.....	145 75
Peppers, 2 bu. at 50c.....	1 00
Parsley, 100 bunches at 2c.....	2 00
Radishes, 1,194 doz. at 3c.....	35 82
Rhubarb, 14 bunches at 5c.....	70
Squash, 19 at 2c.....	38
Spinach, 3 bu. at 50c.....	1 50
Turnips, 162 bu. at 25c.....	40 50
Tomatoes, 427 bu. at 40c.....	170 80
Total	\$3.795 28

FARM STOCK ON HAND, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1898.

Horses	15 head
Cows	28 head
Bull	1 head
Hogs	51 head
Shoats	26 head
Chickens	532 head

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES PRESERVED.

Butter, fruit	87½ gallons
Canned fruit	196 quarts
Cucumber chowder	31 gallons
Chili sauce	22½ gallons
Jelly	234 glasses
Jam	32 quarts
Preserves	31 quarts
Pickles, sweet	15 gallons
Pickles, cucumber	8 barrels

Piccalilli .....	.60 gallons
Spiced fruit .....	.12 quarts
Sauer kraut .....	.150 gallons
Tomatoes, canned	1,052 gallons
Tomatoes, catsup .....	.5 quarts

SEWING CLASSES.

Aprons	186
Bibs	99
Chemises	126
Curtains	7
Dresses	474
Drawers	245
Laundry bags	6
Mattress covers	4
Napkins	641
Night gowns	145
Night shirts	260
Pillow slips	362
Sheets	506
Skirts	240
Shrouds	2
Spreads	88
Shirt waists	46
Shirts	11
Towels	406
Tablecloths	119
Union suits	19
Articles mended	36,189

TAILOR SHOP.

Suits, uniform	24
Suits, jean	11
Coats, Jean	43
Blouses, jean	8
Pants, uniform	2
Pants, corduroy	57
Pants, Jean	218

SHOE SHOP.

Shoes made	53 pairs
Shoes half soled	393 pairs
Shoes heeled	290 pairs
Shoes tipped	89 pairs
Shoes patched, stitched, etc.	942 pairs

MAT AND HAMMOCK SHOP.

Mats	26
Hammocks	16

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.

Persons applying for admission of children must fill out and return certain blanks, copies of which will be forwarded to any address on application to the Superintendent.

When parents are able, they are required to meet the entire cost of care, training and treatment; and if unable to meet the entire cost, to pay such portion thereof as they may be able; however, no child residing within the State of Pennsylvania will be refused admission on account of pecuniary inability.

VISITING DAYS.

Visitors are admitted every Friday and Saturday from 10 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 p. m. to 4 p. m.; holidays excepted.

The institution is located at Polk, Venango county, Pa., on the Jamestown & Franklin Division of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway.

It may be reached from Pittsburg and all points in Southern Pennsylvania by either the Pittsburg & Lake Erie Railroad via New Castle, or the Allegheny Valley via Franklin or Oil City.

DONATIONS.

Donations of every character are gladly received, especially at the holiday season.

Contributions of books, magazines, toys, or cash are especially appreciated. Contributions may be sent direct to the institution at our expense.

All contributions should be addressed to Dr. J. Moorhead Murdoch, Superintendent, Polk, Pa.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We take pleasure in acknowledging contributions to our amusement fund and Christmas tree received during the year from the following:

Jos. Riesenman, Jr., Franklin, Pa., \$5.00; Logan-Gregg Hardware Co., Pittsburg, Pa., \$10.00; W. W. Lawrence & Co., Pittsburg, Pa., \$5.00; Bernard Gloekler, Pittsburg, Pa., \$5.00; Mrs. Mary Mann, Franklin, Pa., \$5.00; H. Sweet, Franklin, Pa., \$5.00; Lizzie A. Neff, Pittsburg, Pa., \$3.00; J. H. Miller,

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Mr. H. Baker, Franklin, Pa., books; Mr. H. D. Hulln, Franklin, Pa., books, cards, games etc.; Master Gray, toys; Unknown, Franklin, Pa., toys, dolls and pictures; Rooms Nos. 1, 2 and 3, First Ward School, Franklin, Pa., pictures, blocks, dolls and toys; Klndergarten children, Franklin, Pa., dolls, books, games and toys; Florence Shaffer, Franklin, Pa., books, dolls; J. R. Campbell, president Oil City Hospital, Oil City, Pa., magazines; Mrs. W. J. Blakley, Franklin, Pa., papers and magazines; Miss Amon, Polk, Pa., papers; Ross Fleming, Franklin, Pa., story books; Mrs. J. A. Bond, Sandy Lake, Pa., magazines; St. Joseph's School, Oil City, Pa., picture cards, balls, books, games, toys; Mrs. McAlliney, 4901 Centre ave., Pittsburg, Pa., building blocks; Colonel Rickards, Franklin, Pa., books; Martin & Epley, Franklin, Pa., music, toys and toilet articles; Bensinger, Smith & Co., Franklin, Pa., books, pictures, magazines and note paper; Room 5, First Ward School, Franklin, Pa., papers, pictures; J. G. Smiley, Franklin, Pa., games; Nursery Club, Franklin, Pa., books, papers and magazines; H. Childs & Co., Pittsburg, Pa., games, books and toys; Gen. Wiley, Franklin, Pa., books, papers, dolls, magazines and games; S. A. McKay, Sharon, Pa., toys, books and games; Mrs. A. Leach, Franklin, Pa., books; George S. King, Franklin, Pa., candy; Mrs. Samuel McNutt, Franklin, Pa., books; D. D. Mal-lory, Franklin, Pa., toys; Mrs. Yong, Allegheny, Pa., books; A. M. McAlevy, Oil City, Pa., toys; Miss May Hope, Gehrton, Pa., toys; William Balliett, Longstand, Pa., books; Miss Annie Kumm, Allegheny, Pa., books; Stewart Hulin, Franklin, Pa., books, games and toys; J. Frost, Spring Creek, Pa., books; Printz Bros., Franklin, Pa., handkerchiefs, neckties; Mrs. James Blakley, Franklin, Pa., books, dolls and toys; Mrs. H. L. Lay, Oil City, Pa., books, toys, pictures, balls, skates, aprons, dolls, candy, ribbons, gloves, neck-ties, etc.; George A. Kelley & Co., Pittsburg, Pa., toys, musical instruments, knives; Miss Byrda Beilstein, Allegheny, Pa., picture books, toys; Sugarcreek School, Sugarcreek, Pa., toys, books, magazines; the B. B. Club, Emlenton, Pa., toys, games, ribbons, popcorn, books; Mrs. John Kehoe, Raymilton, Pa., toys; J. & R. H. Woodburn, Franklin, Pa., books, handkerchiefs, dolls; Unknown, Franklin, Pa., dolls, building blocks, toys; Mrs. May Le Goullen, Oil City, Pa., cards and scrap books; Wilt & Son, Franklin, Pa., stereoscope and views; Mrs. Philip Engelskirger, Mrs. Byron Moffett, Mrs. E. A. Kingsberry, Franklin, Pa., one barrel popcorn; Baptist Church, Franklin, Pa., toys; Kil-gore Sunday School, Kilgore, Pa., books; Children's Mission of the Presby-terian Church, Stoneboro, Pa., books and toys; Mrs. Frederick Coursin, Mc-Keesport, Pa., books and toys; Mrs. O. B. Steele, Franklin, Pa., accordion; Mrs. M. E. Smyth, Reynoldsville, Pa., balls, toys and books; Public Schools, Jamestown, Pa., books, toys, games, cards; Mrs. N. R. Strouse, Monongahela, Pa., dolls, books and toys; Mrs. Rachel Butler, McKeesport, Pa., toys; Miss Mitchell, New Brighton, Pa., books; Master Wilson Van Tossen, New Brigh-ton, Pa., books; Miss Marion Muller, Sewickley, Pa., books; Mrs. William Cross, Kennerdell, Pa., cards; C. H. Mackey, Lock Haven, Pa., toys; W. M. Bell, Franklin, Pa., dishes; Farrel's News Room, Oil City, Pa., books and magazines; Mrs. N. R. Strouse, Monongahela, Pa., 25 dozen eggs for Easter; A. Zimmerman, Pleasant Gap, Pa., one tub apple butter; Y. M. C. A., Oil City, Pa., magazines; Dr. J. R. Borland, Franklin, Pa., one set books, "Our Living World;" Mr. C. D. Phipps, Franklin, Pa., books and magazines; Miss Bertha Shaffer, Stoneboro, Pa., paper dolls; Bensinger, Smith & Co., Franklin, Pa., pictures; Mrs. L. A. Russell, Polk, Pa., 10 bushels apples; Mrs. Anna Beasles, Wilkesbarre, Pa., dolls.

We also take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of the following papers, copies of which have been sent us gratuitously throughout the year:

The Oil City Derrick, Oil City, Pa.; The Charitable Observer, Lincoln, Ill.; The Western Pennsylvanian, Edgewood Park, Pa., and Development, Elwyn, Pa.



STABLE AND COW BARN.

ORGANIC LAW.

SESSION OF 1893.

To provide for the selection of a site and the erection of a State institution for the feeble minded, to be called the Western Pennsylvania State Institution for the Feeble Minded, and making an appropriation therefor.

Section 1.—Be it enacted, etc., That the Governor shall appoint five commissioners, who shall serve without compensation, to select a site and build an institution for the accommodation of the feeble-minded children of Western Pennsylvania.

Section 2.—Said commissioners shall select, within four months of the date of their appointment, a tract of land not less than five hundred nor more than one thousand acres in extent, so located as to be most accessible by railroad facilities to the counties of Western Pennsylvania, to-wit:

Section 3.—The tract of land so selected shall be good arable land, well adapted to the preservation of the health and the occupation and maintenance of the inmates of said institution, with an adequate supply of good water, and natural facilities for drainage from the institution buildings, and the said tract of land so selected, and the cost thereof, shall be approved in writing by the Governor and the State Board of Public Charities before the purchase money shall be paid, and the deed for the same shall be taken in the name of the Commonwealth, but nothing herein contained shall prevent said commissioners from receiving a deed to the Commonwealth in fee for any land donated for the purpose aforesaid.

Section 4.—The plans for said institution shall be prepared by said commissioners and approved by the State Board of Public Charities. The buildings shall be of the best design for the construction of such institution, and without expensive architectural adornments, or unduly large or costly administrative accommodations, and no change shall be made in said plans of construction without the consent of the State Board of Public Charities.

Section 5.—The said commissioners shall, with the approval of the Governor and State Board of Public Charities, have power to select a superintendent of construction and fix the salary thereof, and of such other persons as they may think necessary to employ, in order to secure the proper economical construction of said buildings; provided, that the total cost of said buildings and grounds shall not exceed the sum of five hundred thousand dollars.

Section 6.—To enable the commissioners to purchase the site and to erect the said buildings, the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated, to be drawn from the treasury as the same may be required, on warrants drawn by the Auditor-General in the usual manner, vouchers or statements to be furnished approved by the Secretary of the State Board of Public Charities before any warrant is issued.

Section 7.—The buildings shall be in two groups, one for the educational and industrial department, and one for the custodial or asylum department, with such other sub-divisions as will best classify and separate the many diverse forms of the infirmity to be treated, and shall embrace one or more school houses, a gymnasium and drill hall, a work shop, and an isolating

hospital, all on such scale as will create an institution to accommodate not less than eight hundred inmates or patients, planned and located for easy and natural additions as population demands.

Section 8.—Said commissioners shall proceed to erect said buildings and complete the same within three years from the passage of this act, and shall make report to the State Board of Public Charities of the amount of money expended by them, and of the progress made in the erection of the buildings, semi-annually at least, and oftener if so required by the board.

Section 9.—The said commissioners, upon the completion of said institution, shall surrender their trust to a Board of Trustees, to consist of nine members, who shall serve without compensation, and be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Said trustees shall be a body politic or corporate of the name and style of the State Institution for Feeble Minded of Western Pennsylvania. They shall manage and direct the concerns of the institution, and make all necessary by-laws and regulations not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth. Of the trustees first appointed, three shall serve for one year, three for two years, and three for three years, and at the expiration of the respective periods the vacancies shall be filled by the Governor by appointment for three years, as hereinbefore provided, and should any vacancy occur by death or resignation, or otherwise, of any trustee, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment, as aforesaid, for the unexpired term of such manager.

Section 10.—That this institution shall be entirely and specifically devoted to the reception, detention, care and training of idiotic and feeble-minded children, and shall be so planned in the beginning and construction as shall provide separate classification of the numerous groups embraced under the terms idiotic and imbecile or feeble minded. Cases afflicted with either epilepsy or paralysis shall have a due proportion of space and care in the custodial department. It is specifically determined that the processes of an agricultural training shall be primarily considered in the educational department, and that the employment of the inmates in the care and raising of stock and the cultivation of small fruits, vegetables, roots, et cetera, shall be made largely tributary to the maintenance of the institution.

Section 11.—There shall be received into the institution feeble-minded children under the age of twenty years, whose admission may be applied for as follows:

First.—By the father, if father and mother are living together.

Second.—If father and mother are not living together; then by one having custody of the child.

Third.—By the guardian, duly appointed.

Fourth.—By the superintendent of any county orphanage.

Fifth.—By the person having the management of any other institution or asylum where children are cared for.

Under items three, four and five, consent of parents, if living, is not required.

All inmates are subject to such rules and regulations as the Board of Trustees may adopt.

Section 12.—The form of application for admission into the institution and the necessary checks to improper admissions shall be such as the Board of Trustees, with the approval of the State Board of Charities, may prescribe, and each application shall be accompanied by answers, under oath, to such interrogatories as the trustees shall by rule require to be propounded.

Section 13.—Any parent or guardian who may wish to enter a child into said institution for treatment, culture or improvement, and pay all expenses

of such care, may do so under terms, rules and regulations prescribed by the superintendent and approved by the trustees.

Section 14.—Said board shall receive as inmates of said institution feeble-minded children, residents of this State, under the age of twenty years, who shall be incapable of receiving instruction in the common schools of this State. Said board shall prescribe and cause to be printed instructions and forms of application for the admission of such and shall include therein interrogatories to which they shall require answers under oath, showing such facts as may be needed for the information of said trustees. Such printed instructions and forms shall be furnished to all applicants for the admission of any person or patient in whole or in part as a State beneficiary, and shall be endorsed by the Board of Commissioners or the Directors of the Poor of the county in which he or she resides at the time of making the application.

Section 15.—Adults who may be determined to be feeble minded, and who are of such inoffensive habits as to make them proper subjects for classification and discipline in an institution for the feeble minded, can be admitted upon pursuing the same course of legal commitment as govern admission to the State Hospital for the Insane.

Section 16.—The Board of Commissioners or Directors of the Poor of a county, in approving an application for the admission of a person to said institution, shall state whether or not such child has an estate of sufficient value, or a parent or parents of sufficient financial ability to defray the expense, in whole or in part, of supporting such child in said institution, and if there be such means of support, in part only, then the amount per month which the parents or parent or the legal guardian of such child may be able to pay, and the person or persons who make the application for such admission shall therein make statement under oath as to such means of support. Said Board of Trustees, in accepting the application for the admission of any person shall fix the amount, if any, which shall be paid for such support, according to the ability of the parents or parent of such person, or according to the value of such person's estate, if any, and shall require payment for such support, so far as there may be ability to pay, as a condition to the admission or retention of said person. Said amount may at any time be changed by said trustees, according to their information concerning such means of support. Where the indigence of the child or its family be such as to require its admission upon the full beneficiary fund of the State, the ascertainment of the facts shall be as hereinbefore stated, and the support at the institution shall be provided for by annual appropriations at such per capita rates as shall be appropriated by the Legislature on the application of the trustees, after submission and approval of the same by the State Board of Public Charities.

Section 17.—Said board shall have authority to receive for the use of said institution such gifts, legacies, devices and conveyances of property, real or personal, that may be made, given or granted to or for such institution or in its name or the name of said board.

Section 18.—The said Board of Trustees shall appoint a skillful physician who shall be superintendent and shall be competent to oversee and direct the medical, hygienic, educational and industrial interests of the institution, and shall have charge and supervision of the entire institution, both professional and otherwise. He shall name for appointment such and so many assistants, attendants and employes as may be considered necessary by the said Board of Trustees, and, with the approval of the trustees, shall appoint a steward, who shall have charge, under the direction of such superintendent, of the employment of the inmates of said institution, and the purchase, production

and distribution of all supplies, under such rules and regulations as may be established by such trustees.

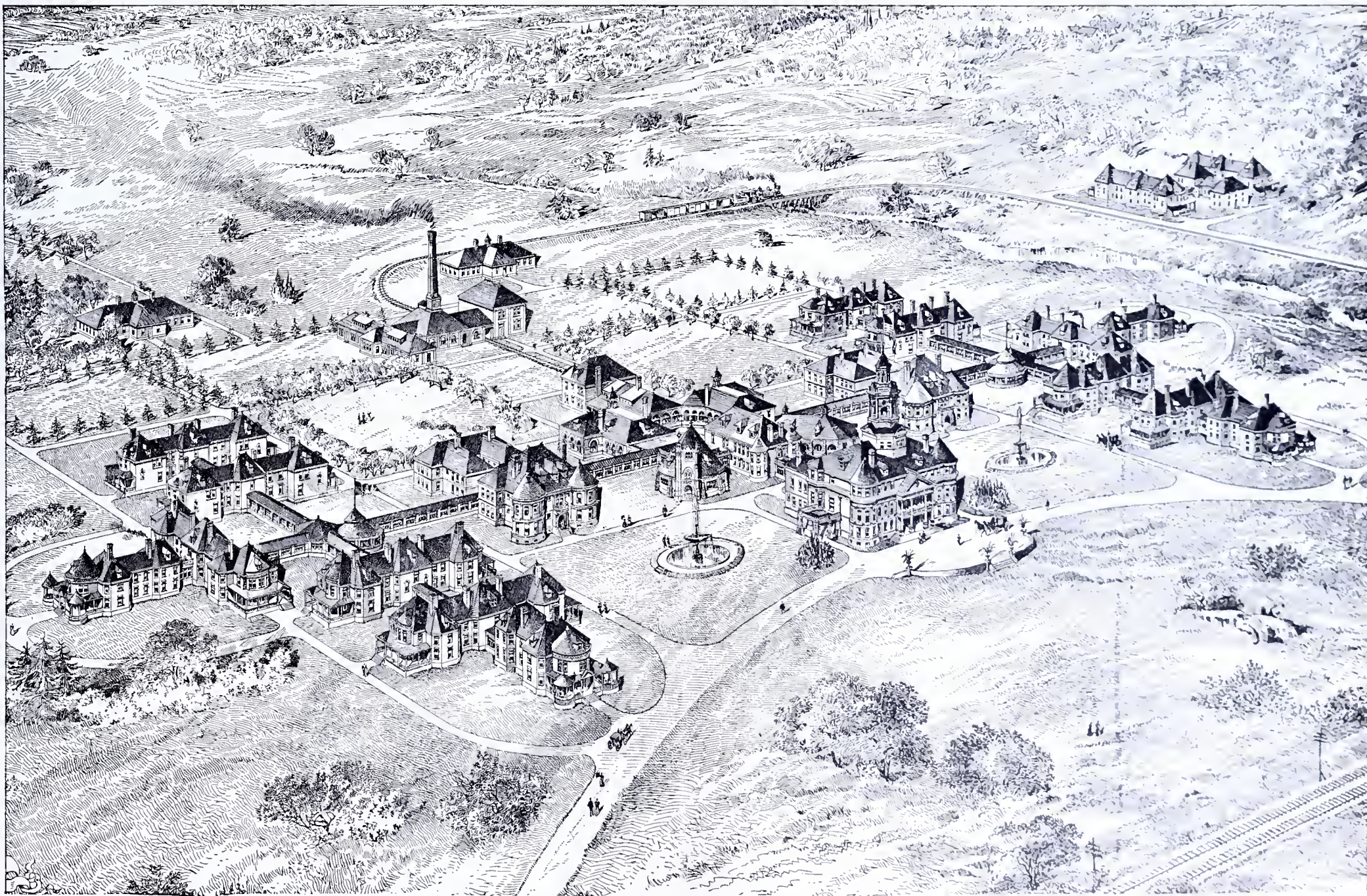
The salaries of the superintendent, matrons, teachers, assistants and attendants of the institution, shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees.

Section 19.—The said trustees shall make, under oath, by their president or treasurer, a quarterly report to the Auditor-General of the State and to the State Board of Public Charities, containing an itemized statement of the receipts from all sources and the expenses of the institution during the previous quarter, and unless such itemized report is made and approved by the State Board of Public Charities, Auditor-General and State Treasurer, the State Treasurer is hereby directed not to pay any more money to said institution until such report is made as aforesaid.

Section 20.—The Governor, Judges of the several Courts of the Commonwealth, members of the Legislature and the Board of Public Charities shall be ex-officio visitors of said institution.

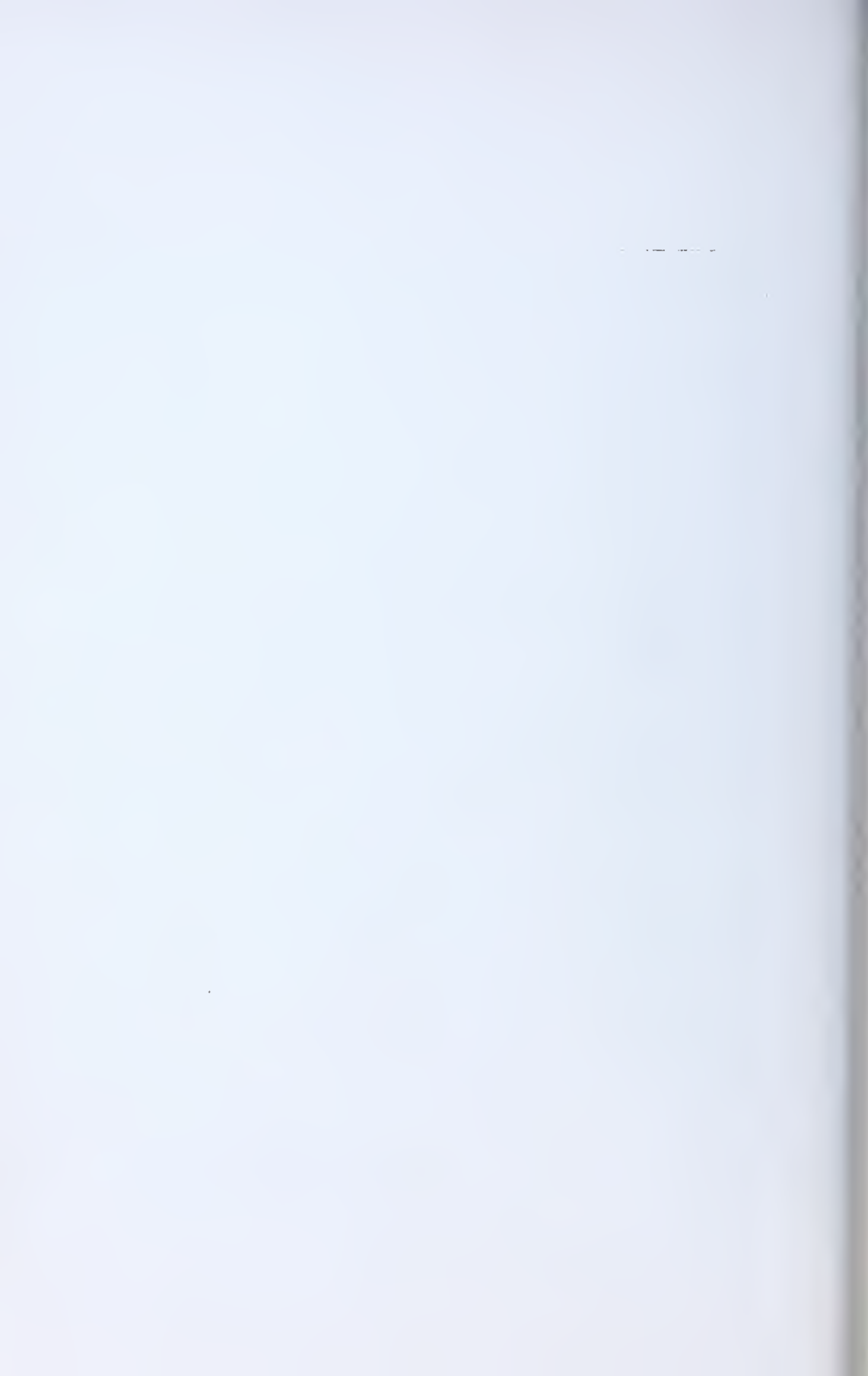
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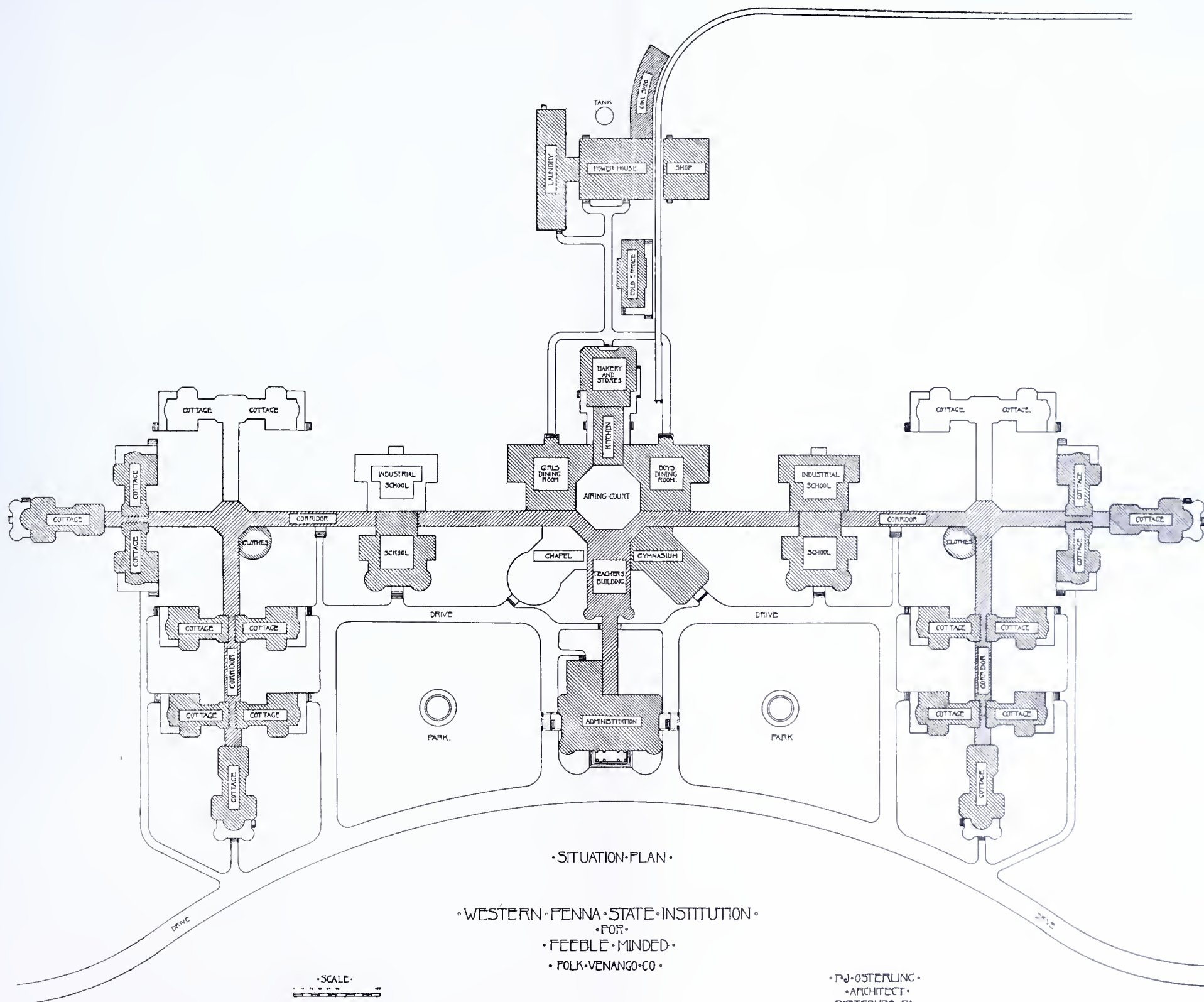
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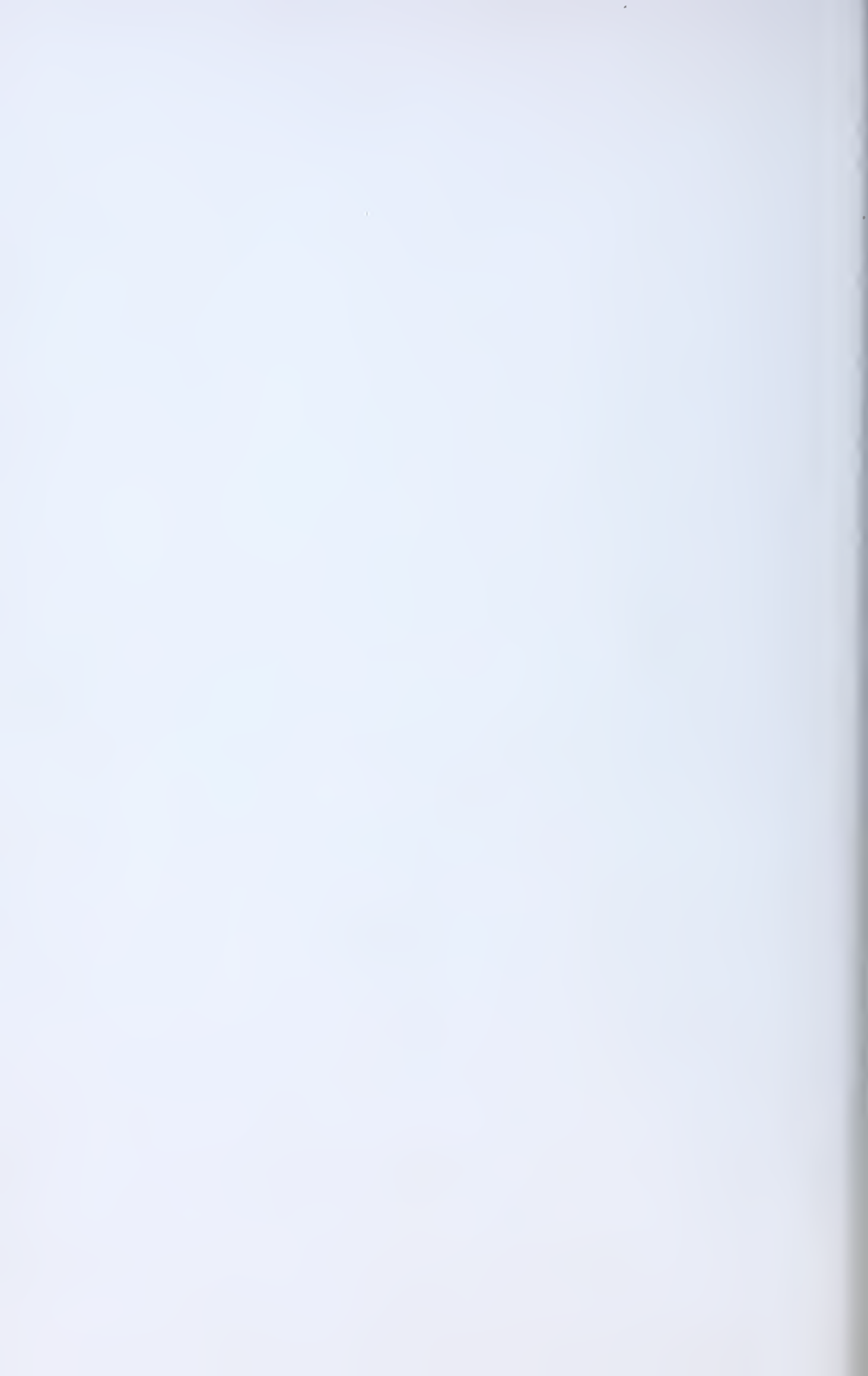


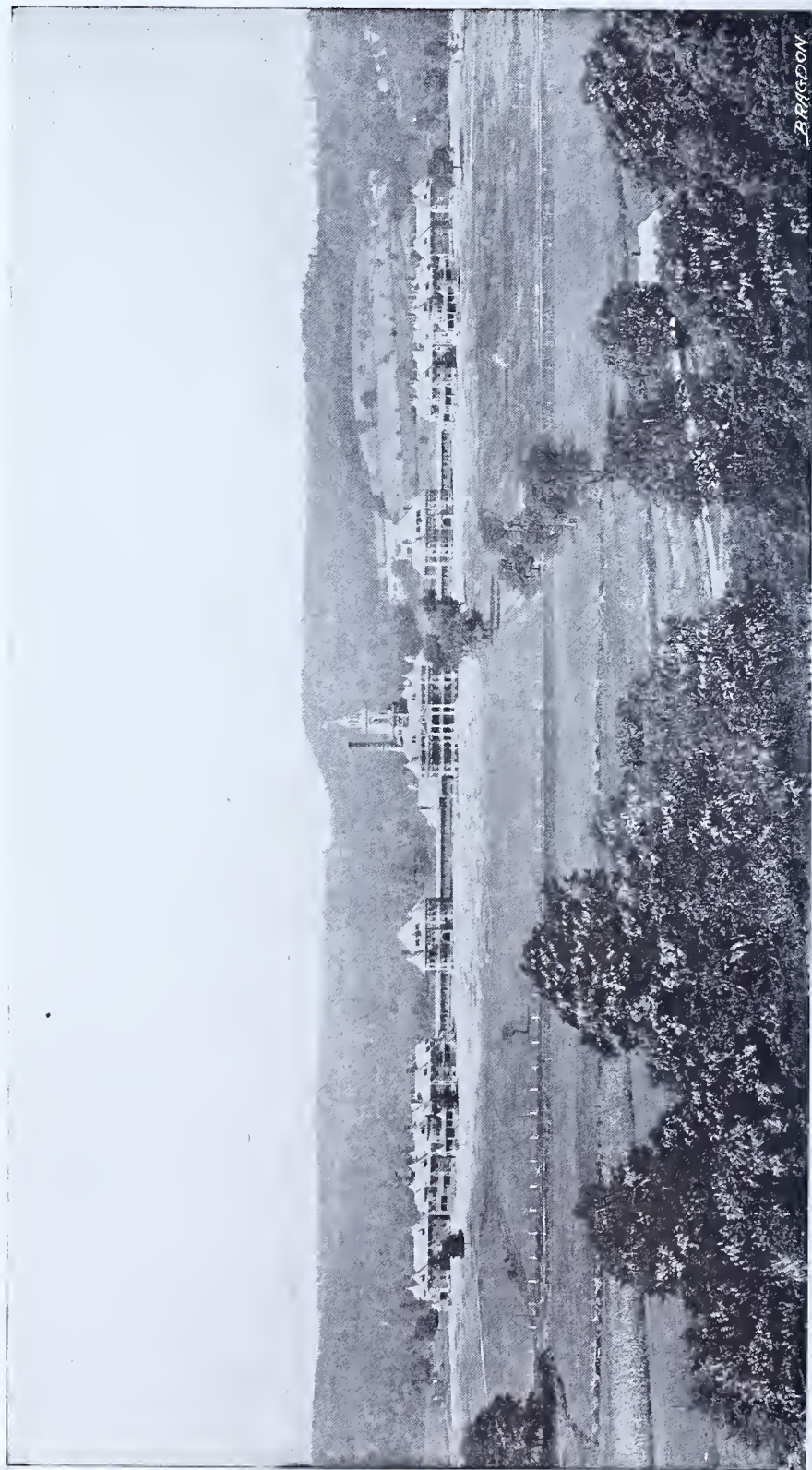
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POLK, VENANGO COUNTY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1899.

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REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

To His Excellency, the Governor, the Legislature and the State Board of Charities:

The Board of Trustees has the honor to submit their annual report for the third year in the history of the Institution, ending September 30, 1899.

The year has been a most successful one, unmarred by accident or serious casualty. The health of the children has been remarkably good. Their ruddy complexions, their general healthful appearance and their smiling faces are the best indications of the kind and watchful attention which has been bestowed upon them.

With increasing experience the school work is of a higher order than heretofore, and with a more thorough knowledge of the children within the Institution, their energies are more intelligibly conserved and directed along the lines which bring about the most good for themselves and the Institution, and the community at large.

We would especially call your attention to the work which has been accomplished by the industrial classes, a summary of which may be found in an appended statement.

The hothouse, the house for gardener and the disinfecting plant, provided for by the last session of the Legislature, have been constructed in accordance with the Act. The reservoir is well under way and the funds provided for improving grounds, grading, building retaining walls, walks and roads, have been judiciously expended for the purposes for which they were appropriated.

The management of the Institution is very greatly embarrassed by applications for the admission of cases of so-called mild insanity, which are to be distinguished from the feeble-minded. Only persons mentally deficient from early childhood are properly classed among the feeble-minded; this is the class the Institution is prepared to care for and train.

We again respectfully call your attention to the need of custodial buildings for the care of the unimprovable boys and girls, an entertainment hall and an isolating hospital. Without these buildings the Institution cannot do justice to the various classes of the

feeble-minded, and until these are provided we will be compelled to refuse admission in the case of many worthy applicants for State aid.

We herewith transmit the official reports of the Treasurer and Superintendent, with statistical tables.

Very respectfully,

S. M. JACKSON,
JOHN A. WILEY,
WILLIAM J. BLEAKLEY,
W. T. BRADBERRY,
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J. N. DAVIDSON,

Trustees.



STOWAGE ROOM.

REPORT OF TREASURER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 15, 1899.

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury October 1, 1898.....	\$ 528 54
Cash with Superintendent October 1, 1898.....	324 94
From the Commonwealth	113,902 71
From Clothing Furnished Inmates.....	11,740 22
From Pay and Part Pay Patients.....	4,508 86
From Sale of Produce.....	197 91
From Loan	5,000 00
From All Other Sources.....	236 59
	<hr/> \$136,439 77

EXPENDITURES.

Warrants Paid During the Year.....	\$130,774 63
Cash With Superintendent October 16, 1899.....	1,094 06
Balance in Treasury October 16, 1899.....	4,571 08
	<hr/> \$136,439 77

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION.

RECEIPTS.

From the Commonwealth	\$7,674 43
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EXPENDITURES.

Erection of Hot House and House for Gardener.....	\$1,263 58
Improving Grounds, Grading, etc.....	3,029 95
Disinfecting Plant	903 72
Reservoir	2,477 18
	<hr/> \$7,674 43

NOTE—In order to issue and pay warrants for September the accounts of the Treasurer are not closed until October 15.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. BLEAKLEY,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

To the President and the Board of Trustees of the State Institution for Feeble-Minded of Western Pennsylvania:

GENTLEMEN—I submit the following report of the Institution's third year, ending September 30, 1899:

MOVEMENT OF POPULATION.

	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
Number present September 30, 1898.....	293	203	496
Admitted during the year.....	86	57	143
Total number in attendance.....	379	260	639
Discharged—improved	15	9	24
Discharged—unimproved .....	...	5	5
Died	12	3	15
Number present September 30, 1899.....	352	243	595

The 143 admissions during the year was a decrease of 58 under the number of admissions during the previous year. Of the 143 admissions 112 were under, and 31 were over twenty years of age.

Of the 24 discharged as improved, four boys and two girls were greatly improved. The five discharged as unimproved were of too low a grade to make any perceptible progress, and upon our informing their parents that they could not be benefited, were taken home.

Of the 15 deaths, nine were adults and all, with one exception, were feeble in body as well as in mind upon admission. Of the six children under twenty years of age, two died of epilepsy, two of tuberculosis, one of meningitis and one of chronic enteritis.

ADMISSIONS.

Upon June 1 the appropriation for the care and training of 600 children became available and we were then enabled to grant admission to all Western Pennsylvania children who gave promise of being benefited by the course of training given here, and for whose admission application had been made. We were, however, compelled to withhold the applications in the case of a large number of unimprovable cases, owing to the fact that the Legislature has not as yet

granted our request for suitable accommodations for this unfortunate and most deserving class.

HEALTH.

The general health of the children has been remarkably good, which may be attributed largely to the healthful climate and excellent water supply. In this connection, I may add that the location of the Institution at a considerable distance from a populous centre permits of outdoor recreation and a freedom which it would be impossible for the children to enjoy were the Institution situated in a more thickly settled locality. This fact plays no small part in the physical and concomitant mental improvement of the children.

The only case of contagious disease which has occurred in our midst within the year was that of a girl six years of age who gave evidence of measles the second day after her admission. She was at once isolated, her clothing disinfected and fortunately the disease did not spread further.

We are now provided with a steam sterilizer and upon the admission of every child the clothing is sterilized, as is all clothing sent to the children from without the institution. By so doing we reduce to a minimum the possibility of admitting contagia.

Notwithstanding these precautions, we should be provided with an isolating hospital, as the history of all institutions where children are cared for indicates that, while observing the greatest precaution, contagious disease will at times gain entrance, and without proper facilities for isolation, the results are serious.

SCHOOLS.

During the past year the school work has brought about most gratifying results. A detailed outline of classes may be found in the appended outline of school work.

The graphic and attractive methods of the kindergarten now so much in use in the early training of normal children, are of special service in the training of the children cared for here. Arbitrary characters are as far as possible replaced by familiar objects or are associated with them. Play enters largely into the school-room exercises, the children assimilating their lessons without conscious effort.

During the summer months classes are held in the groves for the young children incapable of taking part in the industrial work

upon the farm and garden. The school discipline is thus maintained throughout the year, and the children kept from falling back to their sluggish condition, to which they are too apt to revert if long removed from the stimulating and refining influence of their teachers.

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING.

We have added largely to the industrial work. Knitting, carpet weaving and straw hat making have been introduced within the past year and have proved useful industries for the training and employment of certain grades of the children.

The sloyd classes have been very successful in developing the children who have received this instruction.

The sewing classes have developed much talent, so that the children, under direction, make a large percentage of the garments used in the Institution.

The tailor shop boys make all the clothing and the shoe shop boys make and repair all the shoes for the entire Institution. The making of mats and hammocks is still carried on.

The boys have aided largely with the work upon the farm and garden. A report of the produce raised is given in an appended statement.

The work of grading, building roads, walks and drains gives employment to a large number of boys. At present there is much work of this kind to do. We hope, when the grounds are placed in good order, to utilize the labor of the class of boys now engaged in this work, in the manufacture of brick.

BAND.

Our first band now consists of 15 pieces. This band furnishes the music for our entertainments. A second band of seven pieces is progressing satisfactorily.

CALISTHENICS AND MILITARY DRILL.

These play an important part in the system of training here given. The military drill for the large boys and calisthenics for the girls and smaller boys. The drills insure the taking of healthful exercise, improve the carriage, quicken the intellect and play no small part in the discipline of the Institution.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The usual Sabbath school and praise services have been held every Sabbath, and a service of song every Wednesday evening.

RECREATION AND AMUSEMENTS.

Entertainments have been held in Kerlin Hall weekly. These entertainments have been attended by all who were physically able to come.

The children's playground has been materially enlarged by clearing the underbrush from the triangular piece of woodland to the west of the barns. During pleasant weather the children spend much of their time in the open air, playing in the groves near the buildings, or with their teachers or attendants, going on excursions to the many picturesque places in our neighborhood.

The children were handsomely remembered at Christmas time by many kind friends.

IMPROVEMENTS.

A reservoir with a capacity for 30,000 barrels is in course of construction upon the orchard hill about one-half mile to the north of the Institution.

A hothouse and house for gardener are about completed.

A disinfecting plant sufficiently large to disinfect a mattress has been established to the west of the laundry.

A paint shop for the storage of paints, oils and all highly inflammable materials has been constructed at a sufficient distance from all other buildings to insure safety against fire.

The barn has been equipped with machinery for the grinding of grain and chopping of feed. A stone crusher has been purchased and aids greatly in the making of walks and roads.

About 1,200 feet of concrete walk has been laid and a line fence has been placed around the institution property.

Our hennery has been increased to such an extent as to enable us to care for 1,000 chickens and ducks. A large number of shade trees have been planted and much labor expended in clearing and draining land, making lawns and building walks and roads.

NEEDS.

We are now caring for 595 children, but five less than the capacity of our buildings. A large number of the children now cared for are unimprovable and unsuited for the Institution as now constructed. It is earnestly to be hoped that the Institution will soon be provided with custodial departments for boys and girls, where the unimprovable and helpless may be cared for apart from the improvable children, leaving the present buildings for the care of those feeble-minded children whose mental condition is susceptible of improvement. The need of these buildings, together with the hospital and assembly hall so admirably planned by the Building Commission, can only be fully appreciated by those who reside within the Institution.

The following is an analysis of the expenditures on account of maintenance:

Wages	\$20,358	30
Salaries	9,917	00
Subsistence	22,411	02
Farm and Henneries	16,331	19
Fuel	9,360	11
Freight and Expressage	2,872	19
Repairs and Improvements	9,262	64
Furniture, Beds and Bedding.....	6,463	56
Clothing	5,748	45
Schools	651	43
Telegraph and Telephone	202	75
Electric Fixtures	472	66
Drugs	614	50
Interest	319	17
Money Returned, Overpaid Board.....	25	71
Office Expense	547	08
Trustees Expense	202	23
General Expense	1,766	65
Total.....	\$107,526 64	
Average Number of Children.....	529.	1317
Per Capita Cost for the Year.....	\$203.213	
Average Weekly Per Capita Cost.....	3.9079	

The past year has been a busy one and, I feel, as a result the standard of care and training of the children has taken a material step forward. All of which is in no small degree due to the pains-

taking and watchful attention to minute detail given by the officers and employes.

To you, the President and members of the Board of Trustees, I desire to express my appreciation of the kind support which you have at all times extended to me.

Respectfully submitted,

J. MOORHEAD MURDOCH,
Superintendent.

TABLE I.

MOVEMENT OF POPULATION.

	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
Number at the beginning of the year.....	293	203	496
Admitted during the year.....	86	57	143
Total cared for during the year.....	379	260	639
Discharged, improved	15	9	24
Discharged, unimproved .....	...	5	5
Died	12	3	15
Remaining at the end of the year.....	352	243	595

TABLE II.

AGE OF THOSE ADMITTED DURING THE YEAR.

	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
Under five years	7	3	10
From five to eight years.....	17	10	27
From eight to twelve years.....	19	11	30
From twelve to fifteen years.....	15	8	23
From fifteen to twenty-one years.....	12	10	22
Twenty-one years and over.....	16	15	31
	86	57	143

TABLE III.

NUMBER ADMITTED AND DISCHARGED EACH YEAR.

YEAR.	ADMITTED.		CARED FOR.		DISCHARGED.							
					Improved		Unimproved.		Died.		Total.	
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
1897.....	203	150	203	150	...	2	...	...	1	1	1	3
1898.....	123	78	325	225	15	9	4	4	13	9	32	22
1899.....	86	57	379	260	15	9	...	5	12	3	27	17
Total.....	412	285	.....	.....	30	20	4	9	26	13	60	42

TABLE IV.

THERE WERE MAINTAINED BY THE COMMONWEALTH WHOLLY
OR IN PART FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES:

COUNTIES.	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
Allegheny	70	49	119
Armstrong	3	16	19
Beaver	7	6	13
Bedford	6	2	8
Blair	10	4	14
Butler	12	5	17
Cambria	5	3	8
Cameron	1	..	1
Centre	4	1	5
Chester	2	..	2
Clarion	9	3	12
Clearfield	22	4	26
Clinton	2	5	7
Crawford	19	15	34
Dauphin	5	1	6
Erie	17	3	20
Fayette	9	6	15
Forest	3	1	4
Franklin	3	..	3
Greene	10	4	14
Huntington	3	2	5
Indiana	10	7	17
Jefferson	7	9	16
Juniata	3	3	6
Lackawanna	10	1	11
Lancaster	1	..	1
Lawrence	5	7	12
Lehigh	2	..	2
Luzerne	3	1	4
Lycoming	10	12	22
Mercer	17	21	38
Mifflin	2	2	4
McKean	6	5	11
Northumberland	1	..	1
Philadelphia	1	3	4
Potter	1	1	2
Somerset	3	1	4
Susquehanna .....	..	2	2
Tioga	1	..	1
Venango	24	19	43
Warren	3	3	6
Washington	7	7	14
Westmoreland	6	6	12
York	1	..	1
Total	346	240	586

TABLE V.

THE CHILDREN PRESENT SEPTEMBER 30, 1899, WERE THUS CLASSIFIED:

CLASSIFICATION.

<i>School Department—</i>	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
In schools	108	61	169
In training classes	28	22	50
<i>Manual Department—</i>			
In grading, road making, etc.....	40	..	40
In shops	36	..	36
In garden and farm.....	25	..	25
In laundry	2	24	26
In domestic duties	39	74	113
<i>Custodial Department—</i>			
In asylum	36	27	63
In nursery.....	38	35	73
Total.....	352	243	595

TABLE VI.

NUMBER EMPLOYED IN THE INDUSTRIAL BRANCHES.

	BOYS.	GIRLS.
Bake shop	3	..
Blacksmith shop	1	..
Boiler house	4	..
Carpenter shop	4	..
Domestic duties	39	74
Farm	25	..
Grading	40	..
Laundry	2	24
Mat and hammock shop.....	27	..
Painting	1	..
Sewing rooms .....	..	16
Shoe shop	7	..
Tailor shop	17	..
Hennerly	2	..
Total.....	172	114

OUTLINE OF SCHOOL WORK.

KINDERGARTEN CLASSES A AND B.

Morning Session.

Kindergarten exercises, gifts, etc.

Afternoon Session.

Primary school work with sewing and toy knitting.

LOW GRADE A.

Consists of 25 semi-mutes. They have two sessions daily.

EXERCISES—Blocks, beads, pin-cushions, peg, nail and form boards, sewing-cards, weaving, cutting pictures, simple calisthenics and marching.

MIDDLE GRADE B.

Consists of 25 pupils.

Bead stringing, color, form, counting, sewing-cards, weaving, hemming, sewing buttons on garments, reading from chart and blackboard, simple slate exercises.

MIDDLE GRADE A.

Consists of 30 pupils.

Reading from blackboard and chart together with Pollard System, Nature Studies, slate writing, number—First Steps—combination blackboard work. Object, form and color lessons.

HIGH GRADE B.

Consists of 25 pupils.

Morning Session.

Reading—First and Second Reader, Nature Studies.

Number—First Steps with oral and simple written exercises.

Vertical Writing No. 1 and slate work.

Afternoon Session.

Sewing and calisthenics.

HIGH GRADE A.

Morning Session.

Reading—Second, Third and Fourth Reader, with Nature Studies and other supplementary reading.

Spelling—From reading lessons, and dictation exercises.

Writing—Vertical System—slate exercises and letter writing.

Geography—United States Map and reading of Harper's Primary Geography.

Arithmetic—First Steps—practical oral exercises in the four rules with long division, fractions and lessons in time-telling, toy money, weights, measures, etc.

Afternoon Session.

Calisthenics, dancing.

MANUAL CLASS OF BOYS.

This class makes mats, hammocks, knitted woolen caps, stockings and straw hats.

SLOYD CLASSES.

These classes spend one and one-half hours each day in the sloyd room, where they are taught the use of wood working tools, each pupil being required to produce unaided a set of articles made of wood.

PRODUCE RAISED AND ARTICLES MADE DURING THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1899.

PRODUCE FROM FARM AND GARDEN.

	MARKET VALUE.
Beans, Lima, 598 quarts.....	\$ 71 50
Beans, string, 170 bushels.....	112 37
Beets, 76 bushels	30 83
Beef, slaughtered, 1,955 pounds.....	150 88
Beef liver, 41 pounds.....	1 66
Celery, 3,352 stalks	33 52
Cabbage, 8,488 heads	551 09
Cauliflower, 991 heads	49 55
Cucumbers, 396 dozen.....	61 43
Cucumber pickles, 1,928 dozen.....	15 20
Carrots, 1,230 bunches	36 90
Corn, 1,372 dozen	73 10
Cantaloupes, 238	7 14
Chicken, 488 pounds.....	67 35
Duck, 23 pounds.....	2 30
Eggs, 2,427½ dozen	382 44
Egg Plants, 128	3 46
Endive, 27½ dozen	2 30
Kohlrabi, 100 dozen	10 00
Lettuce, 3,812 heads	55 68
Milk, 90,766 quarts	2,831 47
Onions, green, 917 dozen.....	45 85
Onions, large, 28 bushels.....	11 20
Onions, sets, 30 bushels.....	30 00
Parsnips, 162 bushels.....	64 80
Peas, green, 102½ bushels.....	41 00
Pork, 11,135 pounds	556 75
Potatoes, 864 bushels	297 90
Peppers, 2 bushels.....	2 84
Parsley, 1,040 bunches	10 21
Peppergrass, 30 bunches	2 25
Pumpkins, 65	1 95
Radishes, 3,472 bunches	32 91
Rutabagas, 171 bushels	34 20
Rhubarb, 2,535 bunches	126 75
Squash, Hubbard, 600.....	18 00
Spinach, 80 bushels	40 50
Soup Celery, 77 dozen.....	60
Strawberries, 626 quarts	31 30
Turnips, 286 bushels.....	72 30
Tomatoes, 667 bushels	203 60

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FARM STOCK ON HAND SEPTEMBER 30, 1899.

Horses	15 head
Cows	28 head
Bulls	2 head
Calves	5 head
Hogs	77 head
Shoats	78 head
Chickens	816 head
Ducks	135 head
Turkeys	6 head

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES PRESERVED.

Canned fruit	204 quarts
Chow chow	24½ gallons
Jam	20 quarts
Jelly	197 glasses
Preserves	16 gallons
Pickles, sweet	12 gallons
Pickles, mixed	54 gallons
Pickles, cucumber	8 gallons
Piccalilli	40 gallons
Tomatoes, canned	563 gallons

SEWING CLASSES.

JUNIOR CLASS.

Aprons	19
Caps crocheted	6
Candy bags	433
Center pieces embroidered	4
Doilies embroidered	10
Dolls dressed	21
Garments	158
House cloths hemmed	28
Pillow slips	97
Sofa pillows embroidered	10
Table napkins	43
Towels	284
Toy knitted caps sewed	25
Pairs hose darned	418

SEWING-ROOM CLASS.

Aprons	549
Bibs	187
Baby caps	1
Body waists	37
Boys' shirts	52

Chemise	319
Curtains	70
Corest covers	4
Cushions	3
Dresses	741
Drawers	628
Dusters	220
Drier covers	36
Garters	28
Hand muffs	13
Napkins	681
Night gowns	363
Night shirts	384
Neckties	50
Pillow cases	783
Sheets	679
Shirt waists	35
Skirts	361
Spreads	200
Tablecloths	115
Tool bags	23
Towels	777
Wash rags	70
Union suits	8
Articles mended	56,465

TAILOR SHOP.

Suits, uniform	136
Suits, jean	147
Coats, jean	69
Blouses, denim	2
Blouses, duck	3
Pants, uniform	7
Pants, corduroy	233
Pants, denim	8
Union suits	49
Caps	172

SHOE SHOP.

Shoes made	308	pairs
Shoes half soled	540	pairs
Shoes heeled	432	pairs
Shoes tipped	85	pairs
Shoes patched, stitched, etc	1,092	pairs

MAT AND HAMMOCK SHOP.

Mats	38
Hammocks	17

SLOYD.

Book rack	1
Box for slides	1
Boxes	4
Coat hangers	14
Cake spoon	1
Coat rack	1
Corner bracket	1
Easels	2
Form boards	2
Flower pot stands	4
Foot stool	1
Hammer handle	1
Hatchet handles	3
Key rack	1
Letter holders	5
Music stands	2
Paper cutters	3
Peg boards	2
Picture frames	7
Plant labels	14
Sled	1
Sleeve board	1
Shelves	10
Tabourettes	2
Towel rollers	15
Toy carts	5
Tool rack	1
Writing desk	1
Total.....	106

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.

Persons applying for admission of children must fill out and return certain blanks, copies of which will be forwarded to any address on application to the Superintendent.

When parents are able, they are required to meet the entire cost of care, training and treatment; and if unable to meet the entire cost, to pay such portion thereof as they may be able; however, no child residing within the State of Pennsylvania will be refused admission on account of pecuniary inability.

VISITING DAYS.

Visitors are admitted every Friday and Saturday from 10 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 p. m. to 4 p. m.; holidays excepted.

The Institution is located at Polk, Venango county, Pa., on the Jamestown & Franklin Division of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway.

It may be reached from Pittsburg and all points in Southern Pennsylvania by either the Pittsburg & Lake Erie Railroad via New Castle, or the Allegheny Valley via Franklin or Oil City.

DONATIONS.

Donations of every character are gladly received, especially at the holiday season.

Contributions of books, magazines, toys, or cash are especially appreciated. Contributions may be sent direct to the Institution at our expense.

All contributions should be addressed to Dr. J. Moorhead Murdoch, Superintendent, Polk, Pa.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following contributions for the children's Christmas presents and amusement fund:

W. W. Lawrence & Co., Pittsburg, Pa., \$5.00; Pardoe Coal Co., Sharon, Pa., \$10.00; H. J. Heinz & Co., Pittsburg, Pa., \$5.00; Myers, Humphrey & Co., Franklin, Pa., \$5.00; Dilworth Bros., Pittsburg, Pa., \$10.00; Kramer Wagon Co., Oil City, Pa., \$5.00; Mrs. E. W. Echols, Franklin, Pa., \$5.00; Duncan & Porter, Allegheny, Pa., \$10.00; Mrs. Frank McIntosh, Franklin, Pa., \$5.00; Charlottesville Woolen Mills, Charlottesville, Va., \$5.00; Miss Lizzie Neff, Pittsburg, Pa., \$3.00; George Maloney, Franklin, Pa., \$10.00; George A. Kim & Co., Pittsburg, Pa., \$5.00; William H. Thomas & Co., Philadelphia, Pa., \$5.00; Atlantic Refining Co., Franklin, Pa., \$5.00; J. A. Walker, \$10.00; Mrs. S. McNutt, Franklin, Pa., \$2.00; J. B. Feldman & Sons, Franklin, Pa., \$5.00; Unknown, \$6.00; A. J. Greenfield, Oil City, Pa., \$5.00; Barnard, Gloekler & Co., Pittsburg, Pa., \$10.00; Miss Mary Moorhead, Pittsburg, Pa., \$10.00; Alexander Divan, New York, \$3.00; Unknown, \$2.00; Judge S. H. Miller, Mercer, Pa., \$3.00; Mrs. J. B. Murdoch, Pittsburg, Pa., \$10.00; Miss Mary E. Moorhead, Pittsburg, Pa., \$2.50; Miss Henrietta J. Moorhead, Pittsburg, Pa., \$2.50.

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DAY ROOM—COTTAGE E.

and toys; Mrs. Charles Miller, Franklin, Pa., dolls, toys, games, books; J. & R. H. Woodburn, Franklin, Pa., stationery, scrap albums, drawing books, dolls, books, suspenders, neckties, belts, handkerchiefs; Ross Fleming, Franklin, Pa., books; Mrs. Perry DeWoodey, Franklin, Pa., toys; Bensinger, Smith & Co., Franklin, Pa., toys; Evening News, Franklin, Pa., toys; Sands Bakery, Erie, Pa., "Mother Goose" cakes; George S. King, Franklin, Pa., candy; Moland Bros., Oil City, Pa., candy; S. F. Rallya, Franklin, Pa., toys; Ladies of Oil City, Pa., toys, games, tree ornaments, jewelry, watches, baskets, ribbons, books, handkerchiefs, neckties, toy dishes; Singer Mfg. Co., Pittsburg, Pa., calendar; Arbuthnot-Stephenson Co., Pittsburg, Pa., toys, games, books; J. C. Kover, Pittsburg, Pa., Santa Claus beard, blond wig; Will O. Noxon, Oil City, Pa., turkey; J. T. Campbell, Franklin, Pa., stamped dolls, cards, ribbons, belts, purses, dolls, ties; Unknown, doll, pictures, toys, puzzles, games, snare drum, books, rocking horse, one set nine pins; Reed Adams, Franklin, Pa., candy, nuts, toys, cards, books; Mrs. B. Moffett, Franklin, Pa., candy; Printz Bros., Franklin, Pa., handkerchiefs; Mrs. F. P. Heydrick, Franklin, Pa., toy knitters, zither; Nursery Club, Franklin, Pa., newspapers, magazines; A. Leach, Franklin, Pa., "Princess Kisses" candy; Hall's Drug Store, Franklin, Pa., extracts; James W. Grove, Pittsburg, Pa., toys, games, books, tops; A. E. Black, Franklin, Pa., toys; M. Wachtel, Franklin, Pa., picture books, toys; Ford Seed Co., Ravenna, Ohio., 200 "Classic Series" books.

We also take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of the following papers, copies of which have been sent us gratuitously throughout the year:

The Oil City Derrick, Oil City, Pa.; The Charitable Observer, Lincoln, Ills.; The Western Pennsylvanian, Edgewood, Park, Pa.; Development, Elwyn, Pa.; Morning Tribune, Altoona, Pa., and The Saltsburg Press, Saltsburg, Pa.

ORGANIC LAW.

SESSION OF 1893.

To provide for the selection of a site and the erection of a State institue for the feeble minded, to be called the Western Pennsylvania State Institution for the Feeble Minded, and making an appropriation therefor.

SECTION 1.—Be it enacted, etc., That the Governor shall appoint five commissioners, who shall serve without compensation, to select a site and build an institution for the accommodation of the feeble-minded children of Western Pennsylvania.

SEC. 2.—Said commissioners shall select, within four months of the date of their appointment, a tract of land not less than five hundred nor more than one thousand acres in extent, so located as to be most accessible by railroad facilities to the counties of Western Pennsylvania, to-wit:

SEC. 3.—The tract of land so selected shall be good arable land, well adapted to the preservation of the health and the occupation and maintenance of the inmates of said institution, with an adequate supply of good water, and natural facilities for drainage from the institution buildings, and the said tract of land so selected, and the cost thereof, shall be approved in writing by the Governor and the State Board of Public Charities before the purchase money shall be paid, and the deed for the same shall be taken in the name of the Commonwealth, but nothing herein contained shall prevent said commissioners from receiving a deed to the Commonwealth in fee for any land donated for the purpose aforesaid.

SEC. 4.—The plans for said institution shall be prepared by said commissioners and approved by the State Board of Public Charities. The buildings shall be of the best design for the construction of such institution, and without expensive architectural adornments, or unduly large or costly administrative accommodations, and no change shall be made in said plans of construction without the consent of the State Board of Public Charities.

SEC. 5.—The said commissioners shall, with the approval of the Governor and State Board of Public Charities, have power to select a superintendent of construction and fix the salary thereof, and of such other persons as they may think necessary to employ, in order to secure the proper economical construction of said buildings; provided, that the total cost of said buildings and grounds shall not exceed the sum of five hundred thousand dollars.

SEC. 6.—To enable the commissioners to purchase the site and to erect the said buildings, the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated, to be drawn from the treasury as the same may be required, on warrants drawn by the Auditor-General in the usual manner, vouchers or statements to be furnished approved by the Secretary of the State Board of Public Charities before any warrant is issued.

SEC. 7.—The buildings shall be in two groups, one for the educational and industrial department, and one for the custodial or asylum department, with such other sub-divisions as will best classify and separate the many diverse forms of the infirmity to be treated, and shall embrace one or more school houses, a gymnasium and drill hall, a work shop, and an isolating hospital, all on such scale as will create an institution to accommodate not less than eight hundred inmates or patients, planned and located for easy and natural additions as population demands.

SEC. 8.—Said commissioners shall proceed to erect said buildings and complete the same within three years from the passage of this act, and shall make

report to the State Board of Public Charities of the amount of money expended by them, and of the progress made in the erection of the buildings, semi-annually at least, and oftener if so required by the board.

SEC. 9.—The said commissioners, upon the completion of said institution, shall surrender their trust to a Board of Trustees, to consist of nine members, who shall serve without compensation, and be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Said trustees shall be a body politic or corporate of the name and style of the State Institution for Feeble Minded of Western Pennsylvania. They shall manage and direct the concerns of the institution, and make all necessary by-laws and regulations not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth. Of the trustees first appointed, three shall serve for one year, three for two years, and three for three years, and at the expiration of the respective periods the vacancies shall be filled by the Governor by appointment for three years, as hereinbefore provided, and should any vacancy occur by death or resignation, or otherwise, of any trustee, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment, as aforesaid, for the unexpired term of such manager.

SEC. 10.—That this institution shall be entirely and specifically devoted to the reception, detention, care and training of idiotic and feeble-minded children, and shall be so planned in the beginning and construction as shall provide separate classification of the numerous groups embraced under the terms idiotic and imbecile or feeble minded. Cases afflicted with either epilepsy or paralysis shall have a due proportion of space and care in the custodial department. It is specifically determined that the processes of an agricultural training shall be primarily considered in the educational department, and that the employment of the inmates in the care and raising of stock and the cultivation of small fruits, vegetables, roots, et cetera, shall be made largely tributary to the maintenance of the institution.

SEC. 11.—There shall be received into the institution feeble-minded children under the age of twenty years, whose admission may be applied for as follows:

First.—By the father, if father and mother are living together.

Second.—If father and mother are not living together, then by one having custody of the child.

Third.—By the guardian, duly appointed.

Fourth.—By the superintendent of any county orphanage.

Fifth.—By the person having the management of any other institution or asylum where children are cared for.

Under items three, four and five, consent of parents, if living, is not required. All inmates are subject to such rules and regulations as the Board of Trustees may adopt.

SEC. 12.—The form of application for admission into the institution and the necessary checks to improper admissions shall be such as the Board of Trustees, with the approval of the State Board of Charities, may prescribe, and each application shall be accompanied by answers, under oath, to such interrogatories as the trustees shall by rule require to be propounded.

SEC. 13.—Any parent or guardian who may wish to enter a child into said institution for treatment, culture or improvement, and pay all expenses of such care, may do so under terms, rules and regulations prescribed by the superintendent and approved by the trustees.

SEC. 14.—Said board shall receive as inmates of said institution feeble-minded children, residents of this State, under the age of twenty years, who shall be incapable of receiving instruction in the common schools of this State. Said board shall prescribe and cause to be printed instructions and forms of application for the admission of such and shall include therein interrogatories to which they shall require answers under oath, showing such facts as may be needed for the information of said trustees. Such printed instructions and forms shall be furnished to all applicants for the admission of any person or patient in whole or in part as a State beneficiary, and shall be endorsed by the Board of Commissioners or the

Directors of the Poor of the county in which he or she resides at the time of making the application.

SEC. 15.—Adults who may be determined to be feeble minded, and who are of such inoffensive habits as to make them proper subjects for classification and discipline in an institution for the feeble minded, can be admitted upon pursuing the same course of legal commitment as govern admission to the State Hospital for the Insane.

SEC. 16.—The Board of Commissioners or Directors of the Poor of a county, in approving the application for the admission of a person to said institution, shall state whether or not such child has an estate of sufficient value, or a parent or parents of sufficient financial ability to defray the expense, in whole or in part, of supporting such child in said institution, and if there be such means of support, in part only, then the amount per month which the parents or parent or legal guardian of such child may be able to pay, and the person or persons who make the application for such admission shall therein make statement under oath as to such means of support. Said Board of Trustees, in accepting the application for the admission of any person shall fix the amount, if any, which shall be paid for such support, according to the ability of the parents or parent of such person, or according to the value of such person's estate, if any, and shall require payment for such support, so far as there may be ability to pay, as a condition to the admission or retention of said person. Said amount may at any time be changed by said trustees, according to their information concerning the means of support. Where the indigence of the child or its family be such as to require its admission upon the full beneficiary fund of the State, the ascertainment of the facts shall be as hereinbefore stated, and the support at the institution shall be provided for by annual appropriations at such per capita rates as shall be appropriated by the Legislature on the application of the trustees, after submission and approval of the same by the State Board of Public Charities.

SEC. 17.—Said board shall have authority to receive for the use of said institution such gifts, legacies, devices and conveyances of property, real or personal, that may be made, given or granted to or for such institution or in its name or the name of said board.

SEC. 18.—The said Board of Trustees shall appoint a skillful physician who shall be superintendent and shall be competent to oversee and direct the medical, hygienic, educational and industrial interests of the institution, and shall have charge and supervision of the entire institution, both professional and otherwise. He shall name for appointment such and so many assistants, attendants and employes as may be considered necessary by the said Board of Trustees, and, with the approval of the trustees, shall appoint a steward, who shall have charge, under the direction of such superintendent, of the employment of the inmates, and the purchase, production and distribution of all supplies, under such rules and regulations as may be established by such trustees.

The salaries of the superintendent, matrons, teachers, assistants and attendants of the institution, shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 19.—The said trustees shall make, under oath, by their president or treasurer, a quarterly report to the Auditor-General of the State and to the State Board of Public Charities, containing an itemized statement of the receipts from all sources and the expenses of the institution during the previous quarter, and unless such itemized report is made and approved by the State Board of Public Charities, Auditor-General and State Treasurer, the State Treasurer is hereby directed not to pay any more money to said institution until such report is made as aforesaid.

SEC. 20.—The Governor, Judges of the several Courts of the Commonwealth, members of the Legislature and the Board of Public Charities shall be ex-officio visitors of said institution.

Approved—The 3d day of June, A. D. 1893.

ROBERT E. PATTISON.



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H. F. McDOWELL, M. D.	<i>Assistant Superintendent.</i>
GEORGE L. WEAVER	<i>Steward.</i>
H. HOWE	<i>Bookkeeper.</i>
MRS. CARRIE O. WEAVER	<i>Matron.</i>
MISS CORA STUART JAMESON	<i>Housekeeper.</i>
MISS BESS L. BLACK	<i>Stenographer.</i>
TACEY C. PETERSON	<i>Supervisor.</i>
MILTON BARTLEY	<i>Engineer.</i>
CHARLES E. ROGERS	<i>Electrician.</i>
WM. PIPER	<i>Farmer.</i>

TEACHERS.

MISS A. E. BLAKE, Principal.	MISS MILDRED SWAN.
MRS. JOSEPHINE F. BAINES.	MISS FRANCES HAYS.
MISS LINNEA BERG.	MISS WINIFRED HAYS.
MISS HELEN H. HUMPHREY.	MISS LUELLE HOFFMAN.
MISS SARA McDOWELL.	MISS CLARA LYNN.
MISS JANE SNYDER.	MISS MEENA NYE.



REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

To His Excellency, the Governor, the Legislature and the State Board of Charities:

The Board of Trustees have the honor to submit their report for the year ending September 30th, 1900.

There were 746 feeble-minded persons cared for in the Institution during the year. Of this number 671 now remain.

All departments of the Institution are in good working order, the officers and employes have put forth **their** best efforts to bring about the greatest possible improvement in the children under their care, and as a result of their efforts, the year has been a most successful one, unmarred by serious accident or casualty.

The work of the inmates upon the grounds surrounding the buildings has added much to the attractiveness of the Institution. The buildings have been kept in good repair. There is everywhere throughout the Institution evidence of order, the result of systematic oversight and thorough discipline.

The Trustees are pleased to see the important place manual training is given in the instruction of the children.

We respectfully call your attention to the needs of the Institution as set forth in the report of the Superintendent, all of which we most heartily endorse.

For details pertaining to the work of the Institution we refer you to the reports of the Treasurer and Superintendent, which we herewith transmit.

Very respectfully,

S. M. JACKSON,
JOHN A. WILEY,
WILLIAM J. BLEAKLEY,
W. T. BRADBERRY,
W. H. SCHWARTZ,
THOMAS B. SIMPSON,
S. H. MILLER,
GEORGE F. DAVENPORT,
J. N. DAVIDSON,

Trustees.

REPORT OF TREASURER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 15, 1900.

Receipts.

Balance in Treasury Octcber 16th, 1899.....	\$	4,571	08	
Cash with Superintendent October 16th, 1899.....		1,094	06	
From Commonwealth (Account Maintenance).....		109,552	64	
From Commonwealth (Account Special Appropriation).		11,431	56	
From Clothing Furnished Inmates.....		11,363	14	
From Pay and Part Pay Patients.....		1,873	16	
From Sale of Produce		167	38	
From All Other Sources		631	92	
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				\$140,684 94

Expenditures.

Warrants Paid During the Year.....	\$134,656	32	
Cash with Superintendent October 1st, 1900.....		326	34
Balance in Treasury October 1st, 1900.....		5,702	28
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			140,684 94

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. BLEAKLEY,
Treasurer.



REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

To the President and the Board of Trustees of the State Institution for Feeble-Minded of Western Pennsylvania:

GENTLEMEN—I submit the following annual report for the year ending September 30th, 1900:

MOVEMENT OF POPULATION.

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Number present September 30, 1899.....	352	243	595
Admitted during the year	86	65	151
Total number in attendance.....	438	308	746
Discharged during the year	52	23	75
Remaining September 30, 1900.....	386	285	671

The 151 admissions during the year was an increase of 8 over the number of admissions, and the 75 discharges was an increase of 31 over the number of discharges during the previous year.

Of the 75 discharged, 35 were improved in both mind and body, 13 of the number being very greatly improved.

In this connection I desire you to bear in mind that the usefulness of the Institution should not be judged by the condition of the few who go out from under the Institution's care, but rather by the good behavior and increased usefulness of those who remain under its protection.

ADMISSIONS.

Since June 1, 1899, when the appropriation for the care and training of 600 State Beneficiary children became available, we have granted admission to all Western Pennsylvania children who give promise of being benefited by the course of training given here, and for whose admission application has been made. We have also received a number of unimprovable children where the dictates of charity made it impossible to refuse the urgent appeals to relieve acute distress. We were, however, compelled to withhold the applications of a large number of unimprovable cases, owing to the fact that the Legislature has not as yet been able to grant our request for suitable accommodations for this unfortunate and most deserving class.

HEALTH.

The experience of another year bears witness to the healthfulness of our climate, and attests the wisdom of those who located the Institution, where good, wholesome water abounds, and where the children may engage in healthful out-of-door occupations, and enjoy to their fullest extent nature's fresh air and sunshine, her hills and vales, her forests and streams, and her plants and animals, far from the eye of the idly curious.

During the winter we had a slight epidemic of diphtheria. The majority of the cases were mild and, with the exception of one child of feeble constitution, all made excellent recoveries.

In fighting this epidemic we were much handicapped by the crowded condition of the Institution, and the lack of a separate hospital building, which made proper isolation and quarantine regulations extremely difficult.

Notwithstanding the general good health of the children, we have a number of feeble and helpless with us at all times, and now that the cottages are all full to overflowing, the need of a hospital is more imperative than ever.

SCHOOLS.

The school work for the past year has been most satisfactory. The course of instruction suitable for our children has been graded into nine well defined classes, there is a regular progression from the lower to the higher, the pupils being promoted from one grade to another as soon as they are qualified. The exercises are so arranged as to give variety to the days work, the afternoons being practically given up to gymnastic exercises and manual training.

The graphic and attractive methods of the kindergarten which now forms such an important part in the early training of normal children, are utilized to the fullest extent in the instruction here given. All instruction is made as practicable as can be, impressions upon the senses being made with objects illustrating the subjects taught. The children being made to do, to hear, to see, to touch, to observe and to think.

The larger number of children and careful grading has made class instruction possible where individual instruction was formerly necessary. This grading together into one group of a number of children of like ability has distinct advantages. Here the child, per-



haps for the first time, finds himself on an equality with his companions; he is relieved of the feeling of mental inferiority, which prevented him from putting forth his best efforts when among normal children. Here he finds others with capacities and needs similar to his own; he feels the stimulus of healthy rivalry; he profits by the mistakes of others, and may have the satisfaction of being at the head of his class or at least, of not always being at its foot.

A detailed description of classes may be found in the appended outline of school work.

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING.

We have made strenuous efforts to develop our industrial work, particularly upon the farm, realizing that it is only by directing the energies of our children in profitable channels that we can develop the best that is in them, bring about the highest mental and physical development and increase their fund of true happiness.

To enable a boy to see and feel that he can do some one thing well and is of some use in the world, increases his self-respect and goes far toward making a man of him.

The work upon the farm has been largely carried on by our own boys. The result of their labors may be seen in the appended statement of produce from the farm and garden. One group of boys has been employed through the summer in our vegetable garden which, under the direction of our gardner, has yielded a supply of vegetable which bountifully supplies our large family.

Another group has had the care of the barns where we have 41 cows and 15 horses. One boy, with a farm hand, has cared for our 240 pigs. Other groups have been employed in the fields, plowing, harrowing and picking stones, hoeing corn and potatoes, harvesting, clearing woodland, digging ditches, cleaning out fence rows and at the multiplicity of things to be done upon a farm. Another group has looked after our henneries, which within the year have supplied us with 3,946 dozen eggs and all poultry used in the Institution.

The sloyd classes have been successful in developing quite a little mechanical ingenuity in our younger boys.

The sewing classes have been in a like manner successful in developing the girls. In these classes a large percentage of the garments used in the Institution have been made.

As in previous years, the tailor shop boys made all the boys'

clothing, and the shoe shop boys the shoes for the entire Institution.

The boys also manufactured rag carpet, rope mats, hammocks and laundry bags, socks and mittens, cloth and worsted caps, and braided straw and raffia straw hats.

Two groups of large boys have been engaged throughout the year grading, making lawns, and building roads, walks and drains. The improved appearance of our grounds being the best evidence of their industry.

In caring for the young and more helpless children, in the laundry work, and the various domestic duties of a large household, the older girls have been most useful. Without their valuable aid a much larger force of paid employes would be required.

There is in fact, no department of the Institution which does not receive aid from our children.

BAND.

The band classes now have 28 members. They have made marked progress and contribute in no small degree to the pleasure of all within the Institution.

GYMNASTICS.

Gymnastics play no small part in the training here given. The calisthenic drills formerly used have been largely replaced by exercises commonly known as *body building*. These exercises, in addition to increasing muscular tissue and producing beneficial effects upon the general constitution, have a direct effect upon the nervous system, strengthening and quickening nervous impulses.

In training our children, we avoid drills which soon become automatic, for this reason, the exercises are constantly varied; thus, the will of the child is constantly called into play. The exercises are much less spectacular in effect than the routine drills, but are of far greater value in the physical development of the child and from an educational point of view.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The usual Sabbath and Wednesday evening services have been held throughout the year. A number of our larger and higher grade children attend the services held in the village church.



RECREATION AND AMUSEMENTS.

With the improvement of our band, our weekly entertainments become more and more enjoyable. We are, however, very much crowded in Kerlin Hall and are anxiously looking forward to the time when we may have an assembly hall of larger dimensions.

Our groves and lawns are a great treat to our children, many of whom have had little out-door life before coming to us. In their walks the children take much interest in collecting cocoons, moths, insects, plants and seeds for talks in the school rooms.

All the holidays were appropriately observed.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The hothouse and house for gardner, which were being constructed at the time of making my last report, have been completed and are very satisfactory. The roads upon the property have been greatly improved, shade trees planted and much labor expended in clearing and draining the land, making lawns, walks and roads. The extent of these improvements can only be appreciated by visiting the Institution.

The reservoir upon the Orchard Hill is not completed on account of insufficient funds.

NEEDS.

The need of the buildings necessary to complete the Institution as originally planned has now become imperative.

CUSTODIAL BUILDINGS.

We are now caring for 671 children, 71 more than our buildings can comfortably accommodate; 136 of the children now cared for and a large number for whose admission application has been made are totally unsuited for the buildings now constructed. The care of the unimprovable and helpless imbeciles in our Institution, as at present constructed, is at a much higher per capita rate than it would be were we provided with appropriate accommodations for this unfortunate class.

The buildings we now have are most admirably suited for the accommodation and training of the higher grades of feeble-minded children, those capable of improvement under instruction, but are

unsuited for the care of the helpless and unimprovable class. This latter class, however, we have, owing to most urgent appeals been compelled to receive, notwithstanding the fact that their care here has been at great expense and inconvenience, which could easily be avoided by the construction of appropriate buildings.

Had we suitable custodial buildings with capacity of 160 each, one for boys and one for girls, we could easily and comfortably care for all classes of the feeble-minded who might make application for admission into our Institution for some time to come.

HOSPITAL BUILDING.

Notwithstanding the general good health of our children, we have a number of feeble and helpless with us at all times, and it is only by having a separate hospital building where these feeble and helpless ones may be cared for apart from the other children, that the general good health of the Institution may be maintained, and the sick receive proper attention.

We desire to have this hospital building so constructed that the second floor may be entirely cut off from the first floor and used exclusively as an isolating hospital, in caring for contagious diseases, which will occasionally gain admission into every institution caring for large numbers of children, and which can only be controlled by isolation.

ASSEMBLY HALL.

Kerlin Hall has become totally inadequate for the combined needs of gymnasium and entertainment hall. The various school exercises held therein make it necessary to rearrange the chairs and equipment, transforming the hall from gymnasium to auditorium, many times a day.

With an assembly hall, as originally planned, this would be avoided and we would be enabled to devote Kerlin Hall entirely to gymnastics, for which it was originally intended.

STORE HOUSE AND ROOT CELLAR.

Up to the present time we have had no provision for the storage of potatoes and other vegetables, other than the basement under the Administration Building. The basement of this building contains so many steam pipes that it is impossible to keep this produce at a proper temperature. Its presence in the basement of this building is also objectionable. A cellar large enough to store all of this produce for winter use should be constructed. The upper floor to be used as a store house.



WATER SUPPLY.

With the increase of our population it is important that we obtain all springs in our neighborhood available for water supply. There is a spring in the neighborhood of our present supply which could now be had for a small consideration.

Owing to the limited appropriation for the construction of our reservoir, we must again apply to the Legislature for aid to complete this work.

ADDITIONAL BATTERY OF BOILERS.

During the extreme winter weather our total boiler capacity is called into requisition, leaving no reserve. The need of an additional battery of boilers as a reserve, must be apparent to all.

HOUSE FOR ASSISTANT FARMER.

Our henneries have developed to such an extent that it is desirable to have the man having charge of this department reside in its immediate vicinity. A dwelling for his accommodation should be constructed.

ATTENDANTS' DINING ROOMS.

At present our attendants and employes take their meals in the children's dining rooms. The increase in our population makes it necessary to devote the present dining rooms entirely to the children. It is therefore necessary to provide for the attendants and employes elsewhere. Rooms for their accommodation could easily be constructed at moderate expense adjoining the children's dining rooms.

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES.

The following is an analysis of the expenditures on account of maintenance:

Wages	\$23,633' 76
Salaries	10,587 10
Subsistance	32,502 22
Farm	7,330 60
Henneries	779 13
Fuel	13,297 00
Freight and expressage	2,565 32
Repairs and improvements	14,478 94
Furniture and bedding	8,122 29
Schools	524 15
Telegraph and telephone	210 00
Electric fixtures	499 41

Medical supplies and drugs.....	715 42
Interest	300 00
Office expense	437 06
Trustees expense	163 79
General expense	2,726 86

Total.....	\$118,873 05
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Average number of children.....	631.0275
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Per capita cost for the year.....	\$188.38
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Average weekly per capita cost.....	3.628
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An event of the year was the meeting of the Medical Officers of the American Institutions for the Care of the Feeble-Minded, which was held here in May. This meeting was well attended by representatives from institutions throughout the United States. Able papers pertaining to the care of the feeble-minded were read and discussed.

During the winter months lectures on nursing with special reference to the care of the feeble-minded were delivered weekly by the physicians of the Institution, to the attendants, and all officers and employes who cared to attend.

A number of changes have taken place in our official family. Mrs. E. M. Bracken, housekeeper; Miss M. M. Barnes, matron, and Mr. James G. McKittrick, bookkeeper, all of whom had served faithfully and well in their respective positions since the opening of the Institution, resigned during the year. To fill their positions Mrs. George L. Weaver has been appointed matron; Miss Cora Stuart Jameson, housekeeper, and Mr. H. Howe, bookkeeper; and it is with pleasure that I report to you that these officers have entered upon their duties with energy and zeal and have proved themselves well qualified for their respective offices.

Officers and employes have been faithful to their trusts and have labored diligently in the interest of the children and the Institution.

To you, members of the Board of Trustees, I feel grateful for your friendly counsel and support.

Respectfully submitted,

J. MOORHEAD MURDOCH,
Superintendent.



TABLE I.
MOVEMENT OF POPULATION.

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Number at the beginning of the year.....	352	243	595
Admitted during the year	86	65	151
Total cared for during the year.....	438	308	746
Discharged, improved	28	9	37
Discharged, unimproved	4	3	7
Died	20	11	31
Remaining at the end of the year.....	386	285	671

TABLE II.
AGE OF THOSE ADMITTED DURING THE YEAR.

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Under five years	6	6	12
From five to eight years.....	11	4	15
From eight to twelve years.....	18	20	38
From twelve to fifteen years.....	15	12	27
From fifteen to twenty-one years.....	23	9	31
Twenty-one years and over.....	13	14	27
	<u>86</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>151</u>

TABLE III.
NUMBER ADMITTED AND DISCHARGED EACH YEAR.

YEAR.	ADMITTED.		CARED FOR.		DISCHARGED.							
					Improved		Unimproved.		Died.		Total.	
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
1897.....	203	150	203	150	...	2	...	...	1	1	1	3
1898.....	123	78	325	225	15	9	4	4	13	9	32	22
1899.....	86	57	379	260	15	9	...	5	12	3	27	17
1900.....	86	65	438	308	28	9	4	3	20	11	52	23
Total.....	498	350	.....	.....	58	29	8	12	46	24	112	65

TABLE IV.

THERE WERE MAINTAINED BY THE COMMONWEALTH WHOLLY OR
IN PART FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES:

Counties.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Allegheny	79	58	137
Armstrong	5	17	22
Beaver	8	7	15
Berks	1	..	1
Bedford	6	3	9
Blair	13	5	18
Bradford	2	..	2
Butler	13	7	20
Cambria	6	4	10
Cameron	1	1	2
Centre	4	4	8
Chester	2	..	2
Clarion	7	6	13
Clearfield	24	7	31
Clinton	3	5	8
Crawford	20	15	35
Dauphin	5	1	6
Erie	19	5	24
Fayette	8	8	16
Forest	3	..	3
Franklin	2	..	2
Greene	10	3	13
Huntington	4	4	8
Indiana	15	7	22
Jefferson	9	8	17
Juniata	3	4	7
Lackawanna	9	3	12
Lancaster	1	..	1
Lawrence	5	9	14
Lehigh	2	..	2
Luzerne	4	3	7
Lycoming	9	13	22
Mercer	14	22	36
Mifflin	3	3	6
McKean	6	7	13
Northumberland	2	..	2
Philadelphia	3	4	7
Potter	5	1	6
Somerset	1	..	1
Susquehanna .....	..	1	1
Tioga	1	..	1
Union	1	..	1
Venango	25	18	43
Warren	4	3	7
Washington	6	9	15
Wayne .....	..	1	1
Westmoreland	10	6	16
York	1	..	1
Total.....	384	282	666



TABLE V.

THE CHILDREN PRESENT SEPTEMBER 30, 1899, WERE THUS
CLASSIFIED:

Classification.

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
School Department—			
In schools	116	76	192
In training classes	35	15	50
Manual Department—			
In grading, road making, etc.....	34	..	34
In shops	37	..	37
In garden and farm.....	24	..	24
In laundry	2	22	24
In domestic duties	37	78	115
Custodial Department—			
In asylum	74	62	136
In nursery	27	32	59
Total.....	386	285	671

TABLE VI.

NUMBER EMPLOYED IN THE INDUSTRIAL BRANCHES.

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Bake shop	3	...	3
Blacksmith shop	1	...	1
Carpenter shop	4	...	4
Domestic duties	37	78	115
Farm	24	...	24
Grading	34	...	34
Laundry	2	22	24
Mat and hammock shop	12	...	12
Painting	3	...	3
Power house	1	...	1
Sewing rooms .....	..	22	22
Shoe shop	6	...	6
Tailor shop	15	...	15
Hennery	3	...	3
Total	145	122	267

OUTLINE OF SCHOOL WORK.

LOW GRADE B.

Consists of 20 small girls; mutes and semi-mutes.

Exercises—Blocks, beads, pin-cushions, peg-tiles, bead-tiles with colored cups for matching, sewing, weaving, cutting and reading pictures, toy knitting, singing, games, marching and calisthenics.

LOW GRADE A.

Twenty-three boys, using similar material but somewhat in advance of B. They sew buttons on garments, use toy knitter and plain knitting, recognize a few words, have simple slate exercises.

MIDDLE GRADE C.

Consists of 23 boys and girls.

Morning Session.

Reading by Pollard system, first lessons in writing and number. Slate work, nature study, calisthenics, games, marching.

Afternoon Session.

Kindergarten work and manual exercises.

MIDDLE GRADE B.

Consists of 30 boys and girls.

Morning Session.

Reading chart and primer, writing, drawing, number work—mental and written. Nature study.

Afternoon Session.

Object lessons, color, form, fraction disks, time-telling, physical culture.

MIDDLE GRADE A.

Consists of 30 boys and girls.

Morning Session.

First and Second reader with nature study, number, drawing, writing, measures, weights.

Afternoon Session.

Form, color, object lessons, buying and selling, fraction disks, physical culture.

HIGH GRADE B.

Consists of 30 boys and girls.

Morning Session Only.

Second and Third reader, supplemented with geography and nature study. Simple rules in arithmetic, time-telling, drawing, penmanship, weights and measures, buying and selling, letter-writing.

HIGH GRADE A.

Consists of 30 boys.

Morning Session Only.

Second and Third reader, nature study, geography, fractions, time-telling, weights and measures, drawing, writing, buying and selling, letter-writing.

In the afternoon the high grades form sloyd, sewing and physical culture classes, with additions from other grades.

KINDERGARTEN CLASSES A AND B.

Consists of 18 each.

Morning Session.

Customary exercises, according to grade.

Afternoon Session.

Primary school work with knitting and sewing.

MANUAL CLASS.

Twenty-six boys manufacture rag carpet, rope mats, hammocks and laundry gas. With knitting machines produce socks and mittens. Knit worsted caps with needles and toy knitters, braid straw and raffia hats.

SLOYD CLASS.

These classes spend one and one-half hours each day in the Sloyd room, where they are taught the use of wood-working tools, each pupil being required to produce, unaided, a set of articles made of wood.

PRODUCE RAISED AND ARTICLES MADE DURING THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1900

PRODUCE FROM FARM AND GARDEN.

	Market Value.
Asparagus, 368 bunches	\$ 18 40
Beans, string, 146½ bushels	84 13
Beans, lima, 123 bushels	64 00
Beets, 750 bunches	12 50
Beets, 324 bushels	110 00
Beef, 1,073 pounds	75 11
Beef liver, 245 pounds	8 53
Cabbage, 11,256 heads	374 12
Celery, 7,840 stalks	78 40
Carrots, 31 bunches	44
Carrots, 30 bushels	9 80
Cantaloupes, 2,137	64 11
Cauliflower, 712 heads	59 22
Corn, sweet, 1,674½ dozen	83 70

Cucumbers, 511 2-3 dozen	50 89
Cucumber pickles, 1,460 dozen	43 80
Egg plant, 144	10 05
Gooseberries, 527 quarts	26 35
Kale, 120 bushels	36 00
Kohlrabi, 158 dozen	15 80
Lettuce, 8,934 heads	192 67
Milk, 97,990 quarts	2,936 73
Onions, green, 3,692 dozen	67 88
Onions, large, 112½ bushels	56 25
Parsley, 3,120 bunches	33 41
Parsnips, 87 bushels	34 80
Peas, 107½ bushels	67 19
Peppers, 133 dozen	1 50
Pork, 14,137 pounds	777 47
Potatoes, 2,512½ bushels	754 85
Pop corn, 33 bushels	16 50
Radishes, 3,023 bunches	42 10
Rutabagas, 120 bushels	39 00
Rhubarb, 2,406 bunches	58 35
Salsify, 5 bushels	1 25
Spinach, 103¾ bushels	26 25
Squash, Hubbard, 2,620	130 95
Strawberries, 340 quarts	17 90
Tomatoes, 493 bushels	211 10
Turnips, 319 bushels	80 00
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	\$6,770 60

POULTRY AND EGGS RECEIVED FROM HENNERIES.

Chickens, 1,278 pounds	\$ 169 25
Ducks, 413 pounds	50 76
Eggs, 3,946 dozen	674 22
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	\$ 894 23

HAY, GRAIN, ETC.

Corn in ear, 3,015 bushels	\$ 603 00
Buckwheat, 227 bushels	113 50
Oats, 1,670 bushels	501 00
Rye, 644 bushels	322 00
Hay, 52 tons	520 00
Straw, 54½ tons	302 50
Wheat, 28 bushels	21 00
Beef hide, 201 pounds	13 42
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	\$2,396 42

Produce, farm and garden	\$6,770 60
Henneries	894 23
Hay, grain, etc.	2,396 42

Total \$10,061 25

FARM STOCK ON HAND SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1900.

Horses	15 head
Cows	41 head
Bulls	4 head
Young stock	19 head
Hogs	114 head
Shoats	126 head
Chickens	1,127 head
Ducks	198 head
Turkeys	52 head

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES PRESERVED.

Canned fruit	436 quarts
Cucumber pickles	2½ barrels
Green tomato chowder	64 gallons
Mixed pickles	43 gallons
Marmalades	256 quarts
Jellies	317 glasses
Jellies	200 quarts
Fruit preserves	42 quarts
Piccalilli	180 gallons
Stuffed peppers	64 gallons
Sweet pickles	24 gallons
Tomato catsup	39 gallons
Tomatoes, canned	768 gallons

SEWING CLASSES.

Junior Class.

Aprons	13
Candy bags	737
Caps, crocheted	8
Caps, knitted	40
Doilies embroidered	8
Dusters	87
Garments	226
Mittens, sewed	33
Mop cloths	51
Napkins	94
Socks, sewed	800
Table cloths	4
Tray cloths, embroidered	40
Towels	188
Window cloths	15
Pairs hose mended	449

Sewing-Room Class.

Aprons	506
Bags	97
Bed spreads	19
Bibs	375
Bib aprons	207
Blouse waists	45
Body waists	89
Capes	15

Caps	6
Chemise	33
Coat	1
Curtains	16
Cushions	33
Drawers	997
Dresses	781
Dresser covers	22
Dusters	20
Guimpes	6
Napkins	2,858
Neckties	23
Night gowns	591
Night shirts	604
Pillow cases	1,515
Sheets	1,006
Shirts	24
Shirt waists	6
Skirts	346
Splashers	12
Sun bonnet	1
Table covers	2
Table cloths	363
Towels	1,071
Towels, tea	193
Tray cloths	184
Union suits	21
Wash cloths	55
Articles mended	57,487

TAILOR SHOP.

Suits, uniform	146
Suits, jean	208
Coats, uniform	31
Coats, summer	38
Trousers, corduroy	101
Trousers, duck	20
Trousers, denim	9
Trousers, jean	296
Aprons, bakers'	52
Blouses, denim	23
Blouses, duck	16
Caps	436
Union suits	28

SHOE SHOP.

Shoes made	454
Shoes half soled	579
Shoes heeled	614
Shoes tipped	97
Shoes patched, stitched, etc.	958

MAT AND HAMMOCK SHOP.

Rugs, 1x2 yards	50
Rugs, 3x3 yards	3
Caps	9
Face cloths	15
Hammocks	54
Mats	25
Pairs mittens	75
Pairs socks	502

SLOYD.

Book racks	3
Book shelves	3
Boxes for slides	4
Boxes	6
Brackets	6
Cabinets	1
Carved tables	1
Carved trays	2
Carved glove boxes	2
Coat racks	6
Coat hangers	12
Cutting boards	6
Easels	2
Envelope boxes	3
Foot stools	5
Form boards	4
Hammer handles	6
Hat blocks	4
Hatchet handles	1
Key boards	7
Knitting needles	4
Music stands	4
Nail boards	2
Paper cutters	6
Pairs hammock needles	6
Pencil sharpeners	6
Picture frames	58
Stands	2
Tables	4
Towel racks	22

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.

Persons applying for admission of children must fill out and return certain blanks, copies of which will be forwarded to any address on application to the Superintendent.

The best age for beginning training is the child's sixth year.

This Institution is not intended for insane persons, no matter how mild the character of the insanity. Such persons will not be received. Only such as have been of feeble-mind since infancy are eligible for admission.

Any suitable person may be admitted on terms to be determined according to the requirements of the case.

When parents are able, they are required to meet the entire cost of care, training and treatment, and if unable to meet the entire cost, to pay such proportion thereof as the Trustees shall designate in accordance to the parent's financial ability, as determined by the county officials designated by law. (See Act 1893, P. L. 256, Sec. 16.)

No child residing within the State of Pennsylvania will be refused admission on account of pecuniary inability.

VISITING DAYS.

Visitors are admitted every Friday and Saturday from 10 a. m. to 12 m., and from 2 p. m. to 4 p. m., holiday excepted.

Persons desiring to see the schools and industrial classes should visit the Institution on Friday.

LOCATION.

The Institution is located at Polk, Venango County, six miles west of Franklin on the Franklin and Oil City branch of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway.

It may be reached from Pittsburg without change of cars, over the Erie and Pittsburg Division of the Pennsylvania, via New Castle, Mercer and Stoneboro.

DONATIONS.

Donations of every character are gladly received, especially at the holiday season.

Contributions of books, magazines, toys, or cash are especially appreciated. Contributions may be sent direct to the Institution at our expense.

All contributions should be addressed to State Institution, Polk, Pa.



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following contributions:

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We also take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of the following papers, copies of which have been sent us gratuitously throughout the year:

The Oil City Derrick, Oil City, Pa.; The Charitable Observer, Lincoln, Ills.; The Western Pennsylvanian, Edgewood Park, Pa.; Development, Elwyn, Pa.; Morning Tribune, Altoona, Pa.; The Saltsburg Press, Saltsburg, Pa., and The Franklin Daily Leader, Franklin, Pa.

ORGANIC LAW.

SESSION OF 1893.

To provide for the selection of a site and the erection of a State institute for the feeble-minded, to be called the Western Pennsylvania State Institution for the Feeble-Minded, and making an appropriation therefor, date of their appointment, a tract of land not less than five hundred nor more

Section 1.—Be it enacted, etc., That the Governor shall appoint five commissioners, who shall serve without compensation, to select a site and build an institution for the accommodation of the feeble-minded children of Western Pennsylvania.

Sec. 2.—Said commissioners shall select, within four months of the date of their appointment, a tract of land not less than five hundred nor more than one thousand acres in extent, so located as to be most accessible by railroad facilities to the counties of Western Pennsylvania, to-wit:

Sec. 3.—The tract of land so selected shall be good arable land, well adapted to the preservation of the health and the occupation and maintenance of the inmates of said institution, with an adequate supply of good water, and natural facilities for drainage from the institution buildings, and the said tract of land so selected, and the cost thereof, shall be approved in writing by the Governor and the State Board of Public Charities before the purchase money shall be paid, and the deed for the same shall be taken in the name of the Commonwealth, but nothing herein contained shall prevent said commissioners from receiving a deed to the Commonwealth in fee for any land donated for the purpose aforesaid.

Sec. 4.—The plans for said institution shall be prepared by said commissioners and approved by the State Board of Public Charities. The buildings shall be of the best design for the construction of such institution, and without expensive architectural adornments, or unduly large or costly administrative accommodations, and no change shall be made in said plans of construction without the consent of the State Board of Public Charities.

Sec. 5.—The said commissioners shall, with the approval of the Governor and State Board of Public Charities, have power to select a superintendent of construction and fix the salary thereof, and of such other persons as they may think necessary to employ, in order to secure the proper economical construction of said buildings; provided, that the total cost of said buildings and grounds shall not exceed the sum of five hundred thousand dollars.

Sec. 6.—To enable the commissioners to purchase the site and to erect the said buildings, the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated, to be drawn from the treasury as the same may be required, on warrants drawn by the Auditor-General in the usual manner, vouchers or statements to be furnished approved by the Secretary of the State Board of Public Charities before any warrant is issued.

Sec. 7.—The buildings shall be in two groups, one for the educational and industrial department, and one for the custodial or asylum department, with such other sub-divisions as will best classify and separate the many diverse forms of the infirmity to be treated, and shall embrace one or more school houses, a gymnasium and drill hall, a work shop, and an isolating



hospital, all on such scale as will create an institution to accommodate not less than eight hundred inmates or patients, planned and located for easy and natural additions as population demands.

Sec. 8.—Said commissioners shall proceed to erect said buildings and complete the same within three years from the passage of this act; and shall make report to the State Board of Public Charities of the amount of money expended by them, and of the progress made in the erection of the buildings, semi-annually at least, and oftener if so required by the board.

Sec. 9.—The said commissioners, upon the completion of said institution, shall surrender their trust to a Board of Trustees, to consist of nine members, who shall serve without compensation, and be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Said trustees shall be a body politic or corporate of the name and style of the State Institution for Feeble-Minded of Western Pennsylvania. They shall manage and direct the concerns of the institution, and make all necessary by-laws and regulations not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth. Of the trustees first appointed, three shall serve for one year, three for two years, and three for three years, and at the expiration of the respective periods the vacancies shall be filled by the Governor by appointment for three years, as hereinbefore provided, and should any vacancy occur by death or resignation, or otherwise, of any trustee, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment, as aforesaid, for the unexpired term of such manager.

Sec. 10.—That this institution shall be entirely and specifically devoted to the reception, detention, care and training of idiotic and feeble-minded children, and shall be so planned in the beginning and construction as shall provide separate classification of the numerous groups embraced under the terms idiotic and imbecile or feeble-minded. Cases afflicted with either epilepsy or paralysis shall have a due proportion of space and care in the custodial department. It is specifically determined that the processes of an agricultural training shall be primarily considered in the educational department, and that the employment of the inmates in the care and raising of stock and the cultivation of small fruits, vegetable, roots, et cetera, shall be made largely tributary to the maintenance of the institution.

Sec. 11.—There shall be received into the institution feeble-minded children under the age of twenty years, whose admission may be applied for as follows:

First.—By the father, if father and mother are living together.

Second.—If father and mother are not living together, then by one having custody of the child.

Third.—By the guardian, duly appointed.

Fourth.—By the superintendent of any county orphanage.

Fifth.—By the person having the management of any other institution or asylum where children are cared for.

Under items three, four and five, consent of parents, if living, is not required.

All inmates are subject to such rules and regulations as the Board of Trustees may adopt.

Sec 12.—The form of application for admission into the institution and the necessary checks to improper admissions shall be such as the Board of Trustees, with the approval of the State Board of Charities, may prescribe, and each application shall be accompanied by answers, under oath, to such interrogatories as the trustees shall by rule require to be propounded.

Sec.13.—Any parent or guardian who may wish to enter a child into said institution for treatment, culture or improvement, and pay all expenses

of such care, may do so under terms, rules and regulations prescribed by the superintendent and approved by the trustees.

Sec. 14.—Said board shall receive as inmates of said institution feeble-minded children, residents of this State, under the age of twenty years, who shall be incapable of receiving instruction in the common schools of this State. Said board shall prescribe and cause to be printed instructions and forms of application for the admission of such and shall include therein interrogatories to which they shall require answers under oath, showing such facts as may be needed for the information of said trustees. Such printed instructions and forms shall be furnished to all applicants for the admission of any person or patient in whole or in part as a State beneficiary, and shall be endorsed by the Board of Commissioners or the Directors of the Poor of the county in which he or she resides at the time of making the application.

Sec. 15.—Adults who may be determined to be feeble minded, and who are of such inoffensive habits as to make them proper subjects for classification and discipline in an institution for the feeble minded, can be admitted upon pursuing the same course of legal commitment as govern admission to the State Hospital for the Insane.

Sec. 16.—The Board of Commissioners or Directors of the Poor of a county, in approving the application for the admission of a person to said institution, shall state whether or not such child has an estate of sufficient value, or a parent or parents of sufficient financial ability to defray the expense, in whole or in part, of supporting such child in said institution, and if there be such means of support, in part only, then the amount per month which the parents or parent or legal guardian of such child may be able to pay, and the person or persons who make the application for such admission shall therein make statement under oath as to such means of support. Said Board of Trustees, in accepting the application for the admission of any person shall fix the amount, if any, and shall require payment for such support, so far as there may be ability to pay, as a condition to the admission or retention of said person. Said amount may at any time be changed by said trustees, according to their information concerning the means of support. Where the indigence of the child or its family be such as to require its admission upon the full beneficiary fund of the State, the ascertainment of the facts shall be as hereinbefore stated, and the support at the institution shall be provided for by annual appropriations at such per capita rates as shall be appropriated by the Legislature on the application of the trustees, after submission and approval of the same by the State Board of Public Charities.

Sec. 17.—Said board shall have authority to receive for the use of said institution such gifts legacies, devices and conveyances of property, real or personal, that may be made, given or granted to or for such institution or in its name or the name of said board.

Sec. 18.—The said Board of Trustees shall appoint a skillful physician who shall be superintendent and shall be competent to oversee and direct the medical, hygienic, educational and industrial interests of the institution, and shall have charge and supervision of the entire institution, both professional and otherwise. He shall name for appointment such and so many assistants, attendants and employes as may be considered necessary by the said Board of Trustees, and, with the approval of the trustees, shall appoint a steward, who shall have charge, under the direction of such superintendent, of the employment of the inmates, and the purchase, production and distribution of all supplies, under such rules and regulations as may be established by such trustees.

Sec. 19.—The said trustees shall make, under oath, by their president or treasurer, a quarterly report to the Auditor-General of the State and to

the State Board of Public Charities, containing an itemized statement of the receipts from all sources and the expenses of the institution during the previous quarter, and unless such itemized report is made and approved by the State Board of Public Charities, Auditor-General and State Treasurer, the State Treasurer is hereby directed not to pay any more money to said institution until such report is made as aforesaid.

Sec. 20.—The Governor, Judges of the several Courts of the Commonwealth, members of the Legislature and the Board of Public Charities shall be ex-officio visitors of said institution.

Approved—The 3d day of June, A. D. 1893.

ROBERT E. PATTISON.



STATE INSTITUTION FOR FEEBLE-MINDED OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

FIFTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
State Institution for Feeble-Minded
—OF—
Western Pennsylvania.



POLK, VENANGO COUNTY,
For the Year Ending September 30, 1901.

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OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTION.

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TEACHERS.

Miss A. E. Blake, Principal.

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<i>Miss Cora Stuart Jameson,</i>	<i>Miss Meena Nye.</i>

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

To His Excellency the Governor, the Legislature and the State Board of Charities:

GENTLEMEN—The Board of Trustees of the State Institution for Feeble-Minded of Western Pennsylvania respectfully submits to you its fifth annual report for the fiscal year ending September 30th, 1901.

There were 822 feeble-minded persons cared for during the year.

All departments of the Institution have progressed satisfactorily; there is a general air of cheerfulness and activity among the children, indicative of good health and wholesome employment.

With increased experience, the officers, teachers and employes are better able to perform their respective duties, to anticipate the requirements of the children and to put in effect the methods best calculated to bring about improvement in their condition.

The Institution is kept in good order and repair, and as a result of the work of the boys, the grounds are more attractive than ever.

The Institution as at present constructed, is inadequate for the number of children present. The inadequacy of the Institution is more marked owing to the presence of a large number of children afflicted with paralysis and epilepsy. These children should have specially constructed cottages to provide for their peculiar needs. The buildings at present constructed were never intended for this class of children. It is sincerely to be hoped that the revenues of the State will permit of the construction of suitable quarters for this unfortunate class in the very near future. We have most satisfactory plans for these buildings and have repeatedly appealed for means to provide for their construction, and again respectfully call your attention to this, the great need of the Institution.

Having no immediate relief for the overcrowded condition, it will be necessary to refuse admission to many worthy pupils, until additional accommodations are provided.

We respectfully call your attention to the needs of the Institution as set forth in the report of the Superintendent. For details pertaining to the work of the Institution, we refer you to the report of the Treasurer and Superintendent, with their statistical tables, which we herewith transmit.

Very respectfully,

S. M. JACKSON,
JOHN A. WILEY,
WILLIAM J. BLEAKLEY,
W. T. BRADBERRY,
THOMAS B. SIMPSON,
S. H. MILLER,
GEORGE F. DAVENPORT,
J. N. DAVIDSON,
SAMUEL H. CHURCH,
Trustees.

REPORT OF TREASURER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1901.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury October 1st, 1900.....	\$	5,702	28	
Cash with Superintendent October 1st, 1900.....		326	34	
From Commonwealth (account maintenance).....		122,747	53	
From clothing furnished pupils.....		15,038	61	
From pay and part pay pupils.....		2,773	92	
From sale of produce.....		785	21	
From all other sources.....		491	46	
				\$147,865 35

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

From Commonwealth—

Fordisinfesting plant	\$	338	30	
For reservoir		325	00	
For store-house and root-cellar.....		1,294	23	
				1,957 53
				\$149,822 88

EXPENDITURES.

Warrants paid during the year.....	\$143,925	47	
Cash with Superintendent October 1st, 1901.....	300	00	
Balance in Treasury October 1st, 1901.....	5,597	41	
			\$149,822 88

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. BLEAKLEY,

Treasurer.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

To the President and the Board of Trustees of the State Institution for Feeble-Minded of Western Pennsylvania:

GENTLEMEN—In submitting the following report for the year ending September 30th, 1901, I take pleasure in stating that the general health and happiness of the children is most satisfactory, and all departments are in as good working order as is possible, considering the overcrowded condition and the lack of proper buildings for the care of unimprovable and helpless children.

MOVEMENT OF POPULATION.

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Number present September 30, 1900.....	386	285	671
Admitted during the year.....	86	65	151
Total number in attendance.....	472	350	822
Discharged during the year.....	22	19	41
Remaining September 30, 1901.....	450	331	781

The 151 admissions during the year was just the same number of admissions as for the previous year. The increase in population was 110.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.

Applicants for admission were far in excess of the accommodations. The reduction in the State appropriation was a severe blow, compelling the management to refuse admission in many worthy and urgent cases, to helpless children, for whose relief we made most earnest appeals to the Legislature. We are now caring for all the indigent children provided for in the appropriation, and 181 more than can conveniently be cared for in the buildings now erected. Owing to this condition, until increased accommodations are furnished, it will be necessary to refuse to admit many worthy cases, no matter how much they may appeal to our sympathies.

HEALTH.

Notwithstanding the overcrowded condition of the cottages, the general health of the children has been most excellent. Another year bears witness to the healthfulness of our climate and the advan-

tage of a location where good, wholesome water abounds, and where the children may engage in healthful out-of-door occupations and enjoy to their fullest extent nature's fresh air and sunshine, her hills and vales, her forests and streams, and her plants and animals, undisturbed by the idly curious.

Notwithstanding the general good health which has prevailed during the past year, we rejoice in the prospect of having a well equipped hospital in the near future. With the hospital we will be better able to give proper attention to those children requiring special medical and surgical treatment and careful nursing. With the isolating department we will be better able to cope with the various contagious diseases which will from time to time gain admission into the Institution, in spite of the greatest vigilance.

SCHOOLS.

The progress made during the year in the class rooms has been extremely satisfactory, demonstrating beyond question the fact that backward and feeble-minded children do much better when carefully graded into classes of children of like mental capacity, than when placed with normal children.

The attractive methods of the kindergarten, following a definite program consisting of a progressive sequence of ideas, gradually awaken the ideation of the feeble-minded child; stimulating to activity many hitherto undeveloped cerebral areas, undeveloped for want of proper stimulus. Whatever may be said of the kindergarten methods for normal children, there can be no question as to their great value in the instruction of the feeble-minded.

Besides the kindergarten instruction and the simpler methods of the common school, the education here given consists of instruction in the more practical affairs of every-day life; the cultivation of habits of cheerfulness, cleanliness and order.

Special attention is given to nature study, the school room instruction being supplemented by excursions into the woods, where the children, in company with their teachers, collect specimens of minerals, plants and animals, which are the subjects of further investigation in the school room.

School gardens were established in the spring, each class being given a small plot of ground where seeds were planted, and the plants cared for by the children. The interest taken in the gardens is gratifying, and gives evidence that this form of instruction will

be of much value, assisting in the development of the child in the school room, and preparing him to take up more intelligibly the work upon the farm.

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING.

In accordance with the act creating the Institution, special attention is given to the care and raising of stock, the cultivation of plants and vegetables, and the various branches of farming. The results of the labor upon the farm may be seen in its improved state of cultivation, as well as in the appended statement of produce from the farm and garden.

We have added mattress making to our industries and have enlarged the carpenter shop to give profitable employment to the boys from the sloyd classes who have shown special aptitude in wood working.

The tailor shop, shoe shop, the sewing and mending rooms, and the manual room, with its various and ever increasing occupations, continue in successful operation.

BAND.

The band continues to increase in numbers and ability, and is as much of a feature as ever in contributing to the pleasure of all within the Institution.

GYMNASTICS.

Gymnastics play no small part in the training here given, the calisthenic drills formerly used have been largely replaced by exercises commonly known as *body building*. These exercises, in addition to increasing muscular tissue and producing beneficial effects upon the general constitution, have a direct effect upon the nervous system, strengthening and quickening nervous impulses. It is through these exercises that the motor cerebral areas can best be reached and developed.

In training our children, we avoid drills which soon become automatic; for this reason the exercises are constantly varied; thus the will of the child is constantly called into play. The exercises are much less spectacular in effect than the routine drills, but are of far greater value in the physical development of the child and from an educational point of view.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The usual Sabbath and Wednesday evening services have been held throughout the year. A number of our larger and higher grade children attend the services held in the village church.

RECREATION AND AMUSEMENTS.

The lawns, groves and play-grounds surrounding the Institution are a never-failing source of pleasure to the little ones. During the summer and fall, picnic, fishing and nutting parties are of almost daily occurrence. Kerlin Hall is very much overworked in its varied capacity of gymnasium, amusement hall, school room and chapel, and is not of sufficient dimensions to accommodate our overgrown family. However, the entertainments are much enjoyed by all who can be accommodated. A larger assembly hall is badly needed and we trust will soon be provided. It would add much to the happiness of the children.

All of the holidays were appropriately observed.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The store house and root cellar is well under way and will be completed during the present year. While this building will prove of great service, the cut in the appropriation from \$5,000 to \$3,000 made it necessary to modify the plans and compelled the erection of a less commodious structure than was contemplated.

Plans and specifications for the hospital have been prepared and we trust the building will be completed during the following summer.

Our water supply has been augmented by the purchase of five acres of land containing a valuable spring. This land is adjacent to the land on which our other springs are located. The water from the new spring is piped into our water line, the spring being at an elevation which permits the water to flow into the main reservoir by gravity.

We have contracted for two additional water tube boilers of 200 horse power capacity each. These boilers will be furnished by the Oil City Boiler Works.

Additional machinery has been placed in the laundry, about doubling its capacity.

The old barn to the west of the farmer's house has been put in good repair.

The blacksmith shop has been removed to a separate building constructed for the purpose, to the rear of the machine shop; this move was made to guard against the danger of fire.

Much needed additions were made to the piggery and henneries, increasing their capacity.

The retaining wall surrounding the barn is almost completed.

The spillway at the dam has been strengthened, and the roadway across the dam widened by the dumping of earth removed in grading around the buildings.

The farm has been greatly improved; roads made, shade trees planted, and much labor expended in clearing and draining the land.

NEEDS.

Custodial Buildings.

The great and pressing need of the Institution is custodial buildings for the care of unimprovable and helpless children.

The present day rooms and dormitories are greatly overcrowded. We are now caring for 781 children, where there should not be more than 600, in accordance with the rule of hygiene allowing an air space of 600 cubic feet per capita.

The care of unimprovable and helpless children in our Institution as at present constructed, is at a very much higher per capita cost than it would be were we provided with appropriate accommodations for this unfortunate class. The buildings we now have are most admirably suited for the accommodation and training of the higher class of feeble-minded children, those capable of improvement under instruction and who are self-helpful to a degree, but are totally inadequate for the care of the helpless and unimprovable class. This latter class, however, appeals strongly to our sympathies, and we have, owing to most urgent appeals, received many of this class, notwithstanding the fact that their care has been at great expense and inconvenience, which can only be avoided by the construction of appropriate buildings.

We have most excellent plans for custodial buildings to accommodate 160 children each, one for boys and one for girls. These we sincerely hope will be provided in the very near future, as, without them, the Institution will be compelled to refuse aid to a large number of unfortunate wards of the State for whom, as yet, no provision has been made.

Assembly Hall.

Kerlin Hall has become very inadequate for the combined need of gymnasium, entertainment hall, school room and chapel. The various school exercises held therein make it necessary to rearrange the chairs and equipment, transforming the hall from gymnasium to auditorium, many times a day.

With an assembly hall, as originally planned, this would be avoided and the work of the Institution greatly facilitated.

Attendants' Dining Rooms.

At present our attendants and employes take their meals in the children's dining rooms. The increase in our population makes it necessary to devote the present dining rooms entirely to the children. It is therefore necessary to provide for the attendants and employes elsewhere. Rooms for their accommodation could easily be constructed at moderate expense adjoining the children's dining rooms.

Silos.

In order to increase the efficiency of our dairy and to produce milk most economically, we should be provided with silos. The importance and economic value of ensilage as a milk producer is too well appreciated to require comment.

Ice House.

Our present ice house is not of sufficient capacity. For the past two years we have been compelled to buy ice during the latter part of the summer. Had we sufficient capacity, we could put up any amount of the very best ice at almost no expense. We should have sufficient ice house capacity for a year's supply at least, or, what would be better, a two years' supply, as there is always danger of a winter during which no ice can be harvested. A satisfactory building for this purpose could be erected at small expense, and would pay for itself in a few years.

House for Assistant Farmer.

Our henneries have developed to such an extent that it is desirable to have the man having charge of this department reside in their immediate vicinity. A dwelling for his accommodation should be constructed.

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES.

The following is an analysis of the expenditures on account of maintenance :

Wages	\$ 25,063 36
Salaries	12,114 18
Subsistence	39,787 91
Farm	20,200 41
Henneries	1,373 31
Fuel	14,217 78
Freight and expressage	2,383 93
Repairs and improvements	14,078 92
Furniture and bedding	10,106 62
Schools	839 55
Telegraph and telephone	138 73
Electric light	496 84
Medical supplies and drugs	912 97
Interest	300 00
Office expense	662 07
Trustees' expense	326 18
General expense	2,165 39

Total	\$145,168 15
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Average number of children	716.01
Per capita cost for the year	\$198.43
Average weekly per capita cost	\$3.8159

THE TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

Lectures on nursing with special reference to the care of the feeble-minded are delivered weekly by the medical staff, the lectures being supplemented by clinical instruction in the dispensary and the infirmary cottages. The first class having completed the two years' course of instruction and of practice in the art of nursing and in caring for the feeble-minded, certificates were given those who completed the course with credit and passed the prescribed examinations.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Dr. H. F. McDowell, who has been associated with me as Assistant Superintendent ever since the opening of the Institution, resigned his position in June, to take up the work of a general practitioner of medicine.

With medical skill of the highest type, Dr. McDowell combined a thorough knowledge of Institution affairs and deep insight into the mental and physical idiosyncrasies of the feeble-minded. He was a most valuable officer whom we were sorry to lose.

Dr. Charles H. Henninger, who entered the Institution as second assistant physician in January, was assigned the position made vacant by Dr. McDowell's resignation. Dr. Henninger was formerly resident physician in St. Francis Hospital, Pittsburg, Pa.

The position of second assistant physician was filled by the appointment of Dr. B. E. Mossman, Jr., formerly resident physician in the Allegheny General Hospital.

Dr. Henninger and Dr. Mossman are both well qualified for their positions, and have entered upon their work with a spirit and zeal which insure success.

Miss Cora Stuart Jameson was transferred from the position of housekeeper to the school department. The Institution was fortunate in obtaining Miss Mary L. Roerig to fill the position of housekeeper, made vacant by this transfer.

We were sorry to lose the valuable services of two of our teachers, Miss Helen Humphrey and Miss Sara McDowell, who have so successfully conducted schools for a number of years. Miss Humphrey having been with the Institution since the opening of the school. She has shown rare ability as a teacher of the feeble-minded and wonderful skill as a teacher of physical culture and gymnastics.

To complete the corps of teachers, we have been fortunate in obtaining the services of Mrs. Martha M. Knight, Miss Adelaide B. Clowes and Miss Sue Price Paxton. Mrs. Knight has had valuable institution experience, Miss Clowes is a graduate of the Pittsburg Kindergarten Training College, and Miss Paxton of the Philadelphia Normal School. All give evidence of thorough qualification and training, and have entered upon their work with zeal and energy, proving themselves well qualified for their respective positions.

Mr. Charles E. Rogers, who skillfully filled his position as electrician, resigned in December. This position has been satisfactorily filled by the appointment of Mr. George B. Hays, who has been in the engineering department of the Institution for a number of years.

Owing to the increase in the number of children, it has become necessary to create a new position, that of supervisor of the girls' department; this position has been filled most satisfactorily by the appointment of Miss Callie Harvey, one of the graduates of our Training School for Nurses.

Besides those mentioned above, there have been but few changes in the personnel of the Institution. During the year there have been but three changes in our entire corps of attendants, and correspondingly few in the other departments within the Institution.

I desire to call your special attention to the painstaking care and devotion to duty of the officers and employers in all departments, the majority of whom have been with the Institution since its inception. I cannot speak too highly of their valuable aid and loyal support in conducting the affairs of the Institution. The list of these faithful ones is too long to permit of personal mention.

To you, the members of the Board of Trustees, I again desire to express my gratitude for your kind and friendly counsel and encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. MURDOCH, M. D.,

Superintendent.

TABLE I.*Movement of Population.*

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Number at the beginning of the year.....	386	285	671
Admitted during the year.....	86	65	151
Total cared for during the year.....	472	350	822
Discharged, improved	4	1	5
Discharged, unimproved	3	3	6
Died	15	15	30
Remaining at the end of the year.....	450	331	781

TABLE II.*Age of Those Admitted During the Year.*

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Under five years.....	7	5	12
From five to eight years.....	14	6	20
From eight to twelve years.....	20	10	30
From twelve to fifteen years.....	16	9	25
From fifteen to twenty-one years.....	18	11	29
Twenty-one years and over.....	11	24	35
	86	65	151

TABLE III.*Number Admitted and Discharged Each Year.*

YEAR.	ADMITTED		CARED FOR		DISCHARGED.							
					Improved		Unimproved		Died		Total	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
1897.....	203	150	203	150	.....	2	.....	.....	1	1	1	3
1898.....	123	78	325	225	15	9	4	4	13	9	32	22
1899.....	86	57	379	260	15	9	.....	5	12	3	27	17
1900.....	86	65	438	308	28	9	4	3	20	11	52	23
1901.....	86	65	472	350	4	1	3	3	15	15	22	19
Total...	584	415	.....	.....	62	30	11	15	61	39	134	84

TABLE IV.

*There Were Maintained by the Commonwealth Wholly or in Part
From the Following Counties:*

Counties.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Allegheny	90	68	158
Armstrong ..	6	17	23
Beaver ..	8	7	15
Bedford ..	6	2	8
Blair ..	19	4	23
Bradford ..	4	..	4
Butler ..	15	9	24
Cambria ..	12	4	16
Cameron ..	..	1	1
Centre ..	4	5	9
Chester ..	2	..	2
Clarion ..	8	6	14
Clearfield ..	24	5	29
Clinton ..	4	5	9
Crawford ..	23	19	42
Dauphin ..	7	2	9
Elk ..	2	..	2
Erie ..	24	6	30
Fayette ..	12	13	25
Forest ..	4	1	5
Franklin ..	1	..	1
Greene ..	12	8	20
Huntingdon ..	7	2	9
Indiana ..	13	7	20
Jefferson ..	8	10	18
Juniata ..	6	6	12
Lackawanna ..	10	2	12
Lancaster ..	1	..	1
Lawrence ..	5	10	15
Lebanon ..	..	1	1
Lehigh ..	2	..	2
Luzerne ..	4	6	10
Lycoming ..	8	16	24
Mercer ..	15	23	38
Mifflin ..	3	3	6
McKean ..	7	7	14
Northumberland ..	2	1	3
Philadelphia ..	3	4	7
Potter ..	8	2	10
Somerset ..	2	..	2
Susquehanna ..	..	1	1
Schuylkill ..	..	1	1
Tioga ..	1	..	1
Union ..	1	..	1
Venango ..	23	19	42
Warren ..	8	1	9
Washington ..	9	9	18
Wayne ..	..	1	1
Westmoreland ..	12	11	23
York ..	1	..	1

TABLE V.

The Children Present September 30th, 1901, Were Thus Classified

Classification.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
School Department—			
In class rooms.....	124	69	193
In training classes.....	34	18	52
Manual Department—			
In grading, road making, etc.....	36	..	36
In shops	40	..	40
In garden and farm.....	35	..	35
In laundry	2	18	20
In domestic duties	50	117	167
Custodial Department—			
In asylum	98	75	173
In nursery	31	34	65
Total ..	450	331	781

TABLE VI.

Number Employed in the Industrial Branches.

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Bake shop	3	..	3
Blacksmith shop	1	..	1
Carpenter shop	6	..	6
Domestic duties	50	117	167
Farm	35	..	35
Grading	36	..	36
Laundry ..	2	18	20
Manual room	12	..	12
Painting ..	2	..	2
Power house	1	..	1
Sewing rooms .....	..	18	18
Shoe shop	6	..	6
Tailor shop	12	..	12
Hennery ..	3	..	3
Mattress shop	10	..	10
Total	179	153	332

OUTLINE OF SCHOOL WORK.

CLASS C.

Consists of girls and boys.

Morning Session—

First and Second Reader, with Nature Study, slate writing, First Lessons in Number.

Afternoon Session—

Object lessons, time telling, form, color.

CLASS B.

Two divisions, one of boys, one of girls and small boys.

Morning Session—

First and Second Reader, with Nature Study books, primary number work, writing (a few use Copy Books), letter writing.

Afternoon Session—

Object lessons, time telling, money disks, weights, measures.

CLASS A.

Two divisions, one of boys, one of girls and small boys.

Morning Session—

Fourth, Third, and Stickney's Second Readers, with Nature study and geography with use of globe. Mental and written arithmetic, letter writing.

Afternoon Session—

Drawing, weights, measures, object lessons, buying and selling, fraction disks.

In the afternoon session pupils from Classes A, B, and C take half-hour exercises in gymnasium also one and one-half hours in sloyd, which continues until 5 o'clock.

KINDERGARTENS.

A CLASS—Consists of quite small children.

B CLASS—Consists of boys.

C CLASS—Consists of older girls with a few small boys.

D CLASS—Consists of small boys and girls.

Morning Session—Wholly kindergarten.

Afternoon Session—Primary school work.

E CLASS—Consists of larger boys and girls.

Morning Session—Primary school work.

Afternoon Session—Kindergarten.

SLOYD CLASS.

These classes spend one and one-half hours each day in the sloyd room, where they learn the use of wood-working tools, and are required to produce, unaided, a set of articles made of wood.

MANUAL CLASS.

Boys manufacture rag-carpet, rope mats, knit worsted caps, with needles, and with toy knitters, braid straw and raffia hats; with machines knit socks and mittens, net hammocks and laundry bags.

MUSIC CLASSES.

These consist of two brass bands of sixteen boys each, and two singing classes—one for girls and one for boys.

Wednesday afternoons, when the weather is pleasant, are given to walking and collecting specimens for nature study. Aquariums and terrariums are in several class rooms.

ARTICLES MADE AND PRODUCE RAISED

During the Year Ending September 30th, 1901.

SEWING CLASSES.

Junior Class.

Aprons	33
Brownie coats	6
Candy bags	815
Dresses	4
Garments	162
Hose, pairs	397
Mittens, pairs	18
Napkins	55
Raffia hats	9
Shirts (sewed on buttons).....	229
Shirtwaists (sewed on buttons).....	276
Sailor collars	3
Towels	46
Window cloths	14
Zephyr caps	14

Sewing-Room Class.

Aprons	933
Bags	138
Bakers' aprons	82
Bibs	312
Body waists	382
Caps	4
Chemise	382
Curtains	21
Cushions	8
Drawers	2,050
Dresses	924
Dress skirts	2
Dresser covers	110
Dressing sacques	7
Dusters	163
Milk strainers	111
Napkins	1,501
Neckties	290
Night gowns	882
Night shirts	829
Pads	3
Pillow cases	759
Safety bands	53
Sheets	1,522
Shirt waists	15
Skirts	657
Table cloths	214
Towels	1,191
Towels, tea	80
Union suits	43
Wash loths	43
Window cloths	80
Articles mended	55,937

MANUAL ROOM.

Caps	15
Face cloths	20
Hammocks	10
Laundry bags	6
Mittens	85
Raffia hats	18
Rugs, 2x1	85
Rugs, 3½x3	10
Rope mats	21
Socks, knit	700
Socks, sewed	200
Towels	70

SLOYD ROOM.

Aquariums	9
Bead boards	8
Bird houses	7
Book shelves	2
Boxes for slides	2

Carved boxes	5
Chairs.....	3
Chisel handles	9
Coat hangers	18
Drum stand	1
Flower pot stands	14
Form and size boards.....	8
Foot stools	1
Fish line reel	1
Hat blocks	3
Key boards	3
Medicine closets	6
Music stands	5
Mail boxes	8
Netting needles	6
Netting pins	6
Paper knives	4
Pen trays	3
Pencil sharpeners	8
Picture frames	41
Plant labels	8
Plate racks	2
Seat.....	1
Tables ..	3
Tabourettes.....	3
Terrarium ..	1
Tooth brush racks	2
Towel rollers	6
Toy wagons	3
Writing desk	1

TAILOR SHOP.

Suits, uniform	140
Suits, jean	197
Coats, white duck.....	12
Coats, summer	335
Trousers, uniform	11
Trousers, jean	220
Trousers, denim	35
Trousers, corduroy	8
Trousers, fancy costume.....	18
Aprons	48
Blouses, denim	28
Caps ..	202
Capes ..	37
Jackets	21
Overalls ..	28
Union suits	69
Mattress ticks	37

SHOE SHOP.

Shoes, pairs made	472
Shoes, pairs half-soled	571
Shoes, pairs heeled	791
Shoes, pairs tipped	47
Shoes, pairs patched, stitched, etc.....	1,060

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES PRESERVED.

Canned fruit	515	quarts
Cucumber pickles	3½	barrels
Fruit butter	453	quarts
Jellies	429	glasses
Jellies ..	91	quarts
Marmalades ..	76	quarts
Preserves	954	quarts
Piccalilli	175	gallons
Stuffed peppers	186	gallons
Sweet pickles	181	quarts

PRODUCE FROM FARM AND GARDEN.

	Market Value.	
Asparagus, 602 bunches	\$	30 20
Beans, string, 135 bushels.....		47 26
Beans, lima, 56¾ bushels.....		34 70
Beets, 978 bunches		24 45
Beets, 6½ bushels		1 98
Beef, 4,229 pounds		339 61
Beef liver, 220 pounds		8 80
Cabbage, 9,312 heads.....		358 18
Celery, 12,792 stalks		58 02
Carrots, 78 bunches		1 50
Carrots, 23 bushels		5 75
Cantaloupes, 1,718		34 33
Cauliflower, 899 heads		71 84
Corn, sweet, 976 dozen.....		48 80
Cucumbers, 623 dozen		133 64
Cucumber pickles, 1,252 dozen.....		32 06
Currants, 168 quarts.....		16 80
Egg plant, 82		8 20
Gooseberries, 2,822 quarts.....		141 10
Horseradish, 214 stalks.....		2 83
Kohlrabi, 50 dozen.....		5 00
Lettuce, 12,057 heads		80 96
Milk, 116,271 quarts.....		3,468 11
Onions, green, 8,473 dozen.....		121 90
Onions, large, 99 bushels.....		55 75
Onion sets, 3 bushels.....		15 00
Parsley, 3,645 bunches		36 45
Parsnips, 237 bushels		38 15
Peas, 60½ bushels.....		30 25
Peppers, 132 dozen		16 00
Pork, 23,961 pounds		1,439 04
Potatoes, 3,113 bushels		1,128 75
Radishes, 1,799 bushels.....		52 27
Rutabagas, 380 bushels.....		95 00
Rhubarb, 7,384 bunches		154 99
Salsify, 200 bunches		10 00
Spinach, 153 bushels		38 25
Squash, summer, 190		9 50
Tomatoes, 134¼ bushels.....		72 69
Turnips, 156 bushels		46 80
Veal, 287 pounds		25 83
Watermelons, 91		9 10

 \$ 7,143 87

POULTRY AND EGGS RECEIVED FROM HENNERIES.

Chickens, 1,829 pounds.....	\$ 221 56
Ducks, 617 pounds	61 70
Eggs, 5,200 dozen	896 69
Stock and eggs sold.....	49 75
Turkeys, 392 pounds	40 84
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	\$ 1,270 54

HAY, GRAIN, ETC.

Corn in ear, 1,712 bushels.....	\$ 342 40
Oats, 575 bushels	201 25
Rye, 375 bushels	197 50
Hay, 109 tons.....	1,090 00
Straw, 49¾ tons.....	354 00
Wheat, 35½ bushels.....	26 63
Beef hide	50 05
Millet seed, 27½ bushels.....	25 00
Pumpkins, field, 500.....	10 00
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	\$ 2,296 83
Produce, farm and garden.....	\$ 7,143 87
Henneries	1,270 54
Hay, grain, etc.	2,296 83
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Total	\$10,711 24

. FARM STOCK ON HAND SEPTEMBER 30, 1901.

Horses ..	18 head
Cows ..	46 head
Bulls, over two years.....	22 head
Young stock	29 head
Hogs	125 head
Shoats	85 head
Chickens ..	1,320 head
Ducks	322 head
Turkeys	50 head
Sheep	18 head
Belgian hares	22 head

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.

Persons applying for admission of children will fill out and return certain blanks, copies of which will be forwarded to any address on application to the Superintendent.

The best age for beginning training is the child's sixth year.

The Institution is not intended for insane persons, no matter how mild the character of the insanity. Such persons will not be received. Only such as have been of feeble mind since infancy are eligible for admission.

Any suitable person may be admitted on terms to be determined according to the requirements of the case.

When parents are able, they are required to meet the entire cost of care, training and treatment, and if unable to meet the entire cost, to pay such proportion thereof as the Trustees shall designate, in accordance to the parent's financial ability, as determined by the county officials designated by law. (See Act 1893, P. L. 256, Sec. 16.)

No child residing within the State of Pennsylvania will be refused admission on account of pecuniary inability.

VISITING DAYS.

Visitors are admitted every Friday and Saturday from 10 a. m. to 12 m., and from 2 p. m. to 4 p. m., holidays excepted.

Persons desiring to see the schools and industrial classes should visit the Institution on Friday.

LOCATION.

The Institution is located at Polk, Venango county, six miles west of Franklin, on the Franklin & Oil City branch of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway.

It may be reached from Pittsburg over the Erie & Pittsburg Division of the Pennsylvania, via New Castle, Mercer and Stoneboro.

DONATIONS.

Donations are gladly received, especially at the holiday season.

Contributions of books, magazines, toys, or cash, are especially appreciated.

Contributions may be sent direct to the Institution at our expense.

All contributions should be addressed to State Institution, Polk, Pa.

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ORGANIC LAW.

SESSION OF 1893.

To provide for the selection of a site and the erection of a State institution for the feeble minded, to be called the Western Pennsylvania State Institution for the Feeble Minded, and making an appropriation therefor.

Section 1.—Be it enacted, etc., That the Governor shall appoint five commissioners, who shall serve without compensation, to select a site and build an institution for the accommodation of the feeble-minded children of Western Pennsylvania.

Section 2.—Said commissioners shall select, within four months of the date of their appointment, a tract of land not less than five hundred nor more than one thousand acres in extent, so located as to be most accessible by railroad facilities to the counties of Western Pennsylvania, to-wit:

Section 3.—The tract of land so selected shall be good arable land, well adapted to the preservation of the health and the occupation and maintenance of the inmates of said institution, with an adequate supply of good water, and natural facilities for drainage from the institution buildings, and the said tract of land so selected, and the cost thereof, shall be approved in writing by the Governor and the State Board of Public Charities before the purchase money shall be paid, and the deed for the same shall be taken in the name of the Commonwealth, but nothing herein contained shall prevent said commissioners from receiving a deed to the Commonwealth in fee for any land donated for the purpose aforesaid.

Section 4.—The plans for said institution shall be prepared by said commissioners and approved by the State Board of Public Charities. The buildings shall be of the best design for the construction of such institution, and without expensive architectural adornments, or unduly large or costly administrative accommodations, and no change shall be made in said plans of construction without the consent of the State Board of Public Charities.

Section 5.—The said commissioners shall, with the approval of the Governor and State Board of Public Charities, have power to select a superintendent of construction and fix the salary thereof, and of such other persons as they may think necessary to employ, in order to secure the proper economical construction of said buildings; provided, that the total cost of said buildings and grounds shall not exceed the sum of five hundred thousand dollars.

Section 6.—To enable the commissioners to purchase the site and to erect the said buildings, the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated, to be drawn from the treasury as the same may be required, on warrants drawn by the Auditor-General in the usual manner, vouchers or statements to be furnished approved by the Secretary of the State Board of Public Charities before any warrant is issued.

Section 7.—The buildings shall be in two groups, one for the educational and industrial department, and one for the custodial or asylum department, with such other sub-divisions as will best classify and separate the many

diverse forms of the infirmity to be treated, and shall embrace one or more school houses, a gymnasium and drill hall, a work shop, and an isolating hospital, all on such scale as will create an institution to accommodate not less than eight hundred inmates or patients, planned and located for easy and natural additions as population demands.

Section 8.—Said commissioners shall proceed to erect said buildings and complete the same within three years from the passage of this act, and shall make report to the State Board of Public Charities of the amount of money expended by them, and of the progress made in the erection of the buildings, semi-annually at least, and oftener if so required by the board.

Section 9.—The said commissioners, upon the completion of said institution, shall surrender their trust to a Board of Trustees, to consist of nine members, who shall serve without compensation, and be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Said trustees shall be a body politic or corporate of the name and style of the State Institution for Feeble Minded of Western Pennsylvania. They shall manage and direct the concerns of the institution, and make all necessary by-laws and regulations not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth. Of the trustees first appointed, three shall serve for one year, three for two years, and three for three years, and at the expiration of the respective periods the vacancies shall be filled by the Governor by appointment for three years, as hereinbefore provided, and should any vacancy occur by death or resignation, or otherwise, of any trustee, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment, as aforesaid, for the unexpired term of such manager.

Section 10.—That this institution shall be entirely and specifically devoted to the reception, detention, care and training of idiotic and feeble-minded children, and shall be so planned in the beginning and construction as shall provide separate classification of the numerous groups embraced under the terms idiotic and imbecile or feeble minded. Cases afflicted with either epilepsy or paralysis shall have a due proportion of space and care in the custodial department. It is specifically determined that the processes of all agricultural training shall be primarily considered in the educational department, and that the employment of the inmates in the care and raising of stock and the cultivation of small fruits, vegetables, roots, et cetera, shall be made largely tributary to the maintenance of the institution.

Section 11.—There shall be received into the institution feeble-minded children under the age of twenty years, whose admission may be applied for as follows:

First.—By the father, if father and mother are living together.

Second.—If father and mother are not living together, then by one having custody of the child.

Third.—By the guardian, duly appointed.

Fourth.—By the superintendent of any county orphanage.

Fifth.—By the person having the management of any other institution or asylum where children are cared for.

Under items three, four and five, consent of parents, if living, is not required.

All inmates are subject to such rules and regulations as the Board of Trustees may adopt.

Section 12.—The form of application for admission into the institution and the necessary checks to improper admissions shall be such as the Board of Trustees, with the approval of the State Board of Charities, may pre-

scribe, and each application shall be accompanied by answers, under oath, to such interrogatories as the trustees shall by rule require to be propounded.

Section 13.—Any parent or guardian who may wish to enter a child into said institution for treatment, culture or improvement, and pay all expenses of such care, may do so under terms, rules and regulations prescribed by the superintendent and approved by the trustees.

Section 14.—Said board shall receive as inmates of said institution feeble-minded children, residents of this State, under the age of twenty years, who shall be incapable of receiving instruction in the common schools of this State. Said board shall prescribe and cause to be printed instructions and forms of application for the admission of such and shall include therein interrogatories to which they shall require answers under oath, showing such facts as may be needed for the information of said trustees. Such printed instructions and forms shall be furnished to all applicants for the admission of any person or patient in whole or in part as a State beneficiary, and shall be endorsed by the Board of Commissioners or the Directors of the Poor of the county in which he or she resides at the time of making the application.

Section 15.—Adults who may be determined to be feeble-minded, and who are of such inoffensive habits as to make them proper subjects for classification and discipline in an institution for the feeble minded, can be admitted upon pursuing the same course of legal commitment as govern admission to the State Hospital for the Insane.

Section 16.—The Board of Commissioners or Directors of the Poor of a county, in approving an application for the admission of a person to said institution, shall state whether or not such child has an estate of sufficient value, or a parent or parents of sufficient financial ability to defray the expense, in whole or in part, of supporting such child in said institution, and if there be such means of support, in part only, then the amount per month which the parents or parent or the legal guardian of such child may be able to pay, and the person or persons who make the application for such admission shall therein make statement under oath as to such means of support. Said Board of Trustees, in accepting the application for the admission of any person shall fix the amount, if any, which shall be paid for such support, according to the ability of the parents or parent of such person, or according to the value of such person's estate, if any, and shall require payment for such support, so far as there may be ability to pay, as a condition to the admission or retention of said person. Said amount may at any time be changed by said trustees, according to their information concerning such means of support. Where the indigence of the child or its family be such as to require its admission upon the full beneficiary fund of the State, the ascertainment of the facts shall be as hereinbefore stated, and the support at the institution shall be provided for by annual appropriations at such per capita rates as shall be appropriated by the Legislature on the application of the trustees, after submission and approval of the same by the State Board of Public Charities.

Section 17.—Said board shall have authority to receive for the use of said institution such gifts, legacies, devices and conveyances of property, real or personal, that may be made, given or granted to or for such institution or in its name or the name of said board.

Section 18.—The said Board of Trustees shall appoint a skillful physician who shall be superintendent and shall be competent to oversee and direct the medical, hygienic, educational and industrial interests of the institution,

and shall have charge and supervision of the entire institution, both professional and otherwise. He shall name for appointment such and so many assistants, attendants and employes as may be considered necessary by the said Board of Trustees, and, with the approval of the trustees, shall appoint a steward, who shall have charge, under the direction of such superintendent, of the employment of the inmates of said institution, and the purchase, production and distribution of all supplies, under such rules and regulations as may be established by such trustees.

The salaries of the superintendent, matrons, teachers, assistants and attendants of the institution, shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees.

Section 19.—The said trustees shall make, under oath, by their president or treasurer, a quarterly report to the Auditor-General of the State and to the State Board of Public Charities, containing an itemized statement of the receipts from all sources and the expenses of the institution during the previous quarter, and unless such itemized report is made and approved by the State Board of Public Charities, Auditor-General and State Treasurer, the State Treasurer is hereby directed not to pay any more money to said institution until such report is made as aforesaid.

Section 20.—The Governor, Judges of the several Courts of the Commonwealth, members of the Legislature and the Board of Public Charities shall be ex-officio visitors of said institution.

Approved—The 3d day of June, A. D. 1893.

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